

Ebi's

Story time



Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people
- Colossians 3:23

"Hi Ebi, so nice to meet you again."

"Hi David, it is always so nice to meet you because you always tell the most interesting stories."

"Today, I will tell you about someone whose name was also David."

"David was the youngest son of a man called Jesse, who also had seven other sons. God sent Samuel the prophet to Jesse's house to anoint a new king for Israel. Samuel looked at each one of them. Every time, he thought, 'Maybe God will choose this son.' But God did not choose one of the seven sons. David was not at home, he was looking after his father's sheep in the mountains. Samuel asked Jesse to send someone to bring David. When David arrived, God told Samuel to anoint him as king."

"His father and brothers could not believe it. He was the youngest and only a little shepherd boy. Why did God not choose the eldest son? The other brothers were jealous and not very happy. But God saw David's heart."

"While he was out in the field tending the sheep, he was praising God and even wrote many songs which we now know as the Psalms of David in the Bible."

"Oh yes, David. I know about the Psalms in the Bible. Did he really write them while he was just a young shepherd boy?"

"You see, Ebi, God does not always look at our age, or at how we look, how strong or intelligent we are, or what house we live in. God looks at our hearts. David really loved God, he depended on God to keep him and his father's sheep safe. When bears or other dangerous animals came trying to kill the sheep, he protected the sheep. Just like God protects His children every day."

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“So did Samuel take David to the palace that day to be the king of Israel?”

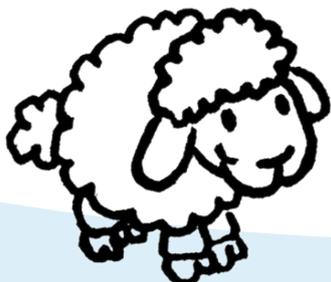
“No, Ebi. David was still too young, and Saul was still king. He could not become the king immediately. He had to go and live with Saul to learn how to be the king. Saul did not like the idea that such a young shepherd boy would become king, so he made life difficult for David. But David was always obedient to Saul. This is what God saw in David’s heart.

“We must respect older people, our parents, teachers, and other leaders in our lives. We must learn from them and be obedient. At the right time, God will put us in the position where he wants us to be. Not everybody can be a king or a leader. Even if God gives you something else to do, like David had to care for his father’s sheep for many years, do your best in what you have to do and trust God to help you.

“After a few years, David became the king of Israel, and even today, everybody knows about King David. He was a very good king, and the people loved their king. He made Jerusalem the capital of Israel, and until today, it is still the capital. That is why so many Jews from all over the world are still moving to Israel because it has been their country for such a long time. Even long before David’s time, God gave the land to them.”

“David, this is such a beautiful story. I thought all kings were born in a palace, but today I learned that if you are faithful to God, honest and have respect for other people, God can use you in any place He wants to, even to become a king.”

“Yes, Ebi, we are not all the same, and God has a different plan for each one of us. All God wants us to do is to be faithful to Him, to love him and to have respect for all people.”



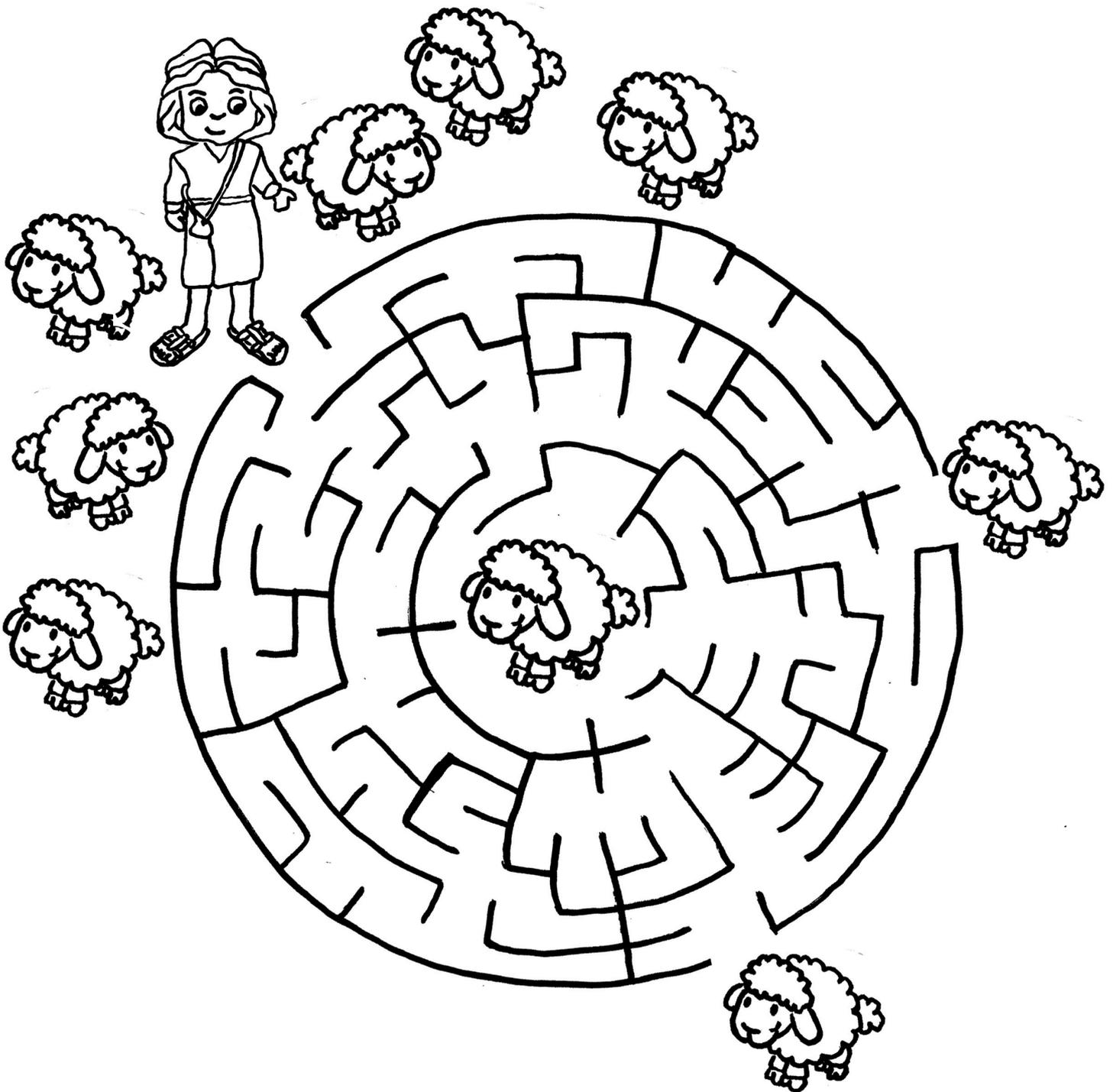
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Colouring In



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Worksheet



Help David to find the lost sheep!

1. Draw a line through the maze from David to the sheep in the centre!



1. Colour in the sheep and the crown
2. Cut around the sheep and the crown
3. Find a piece of string the length you would like for your bunting
4. Lay out each sheep in a line and put the crown in the middle. Then turn them over (face down)
5. Lay your string in a line across the back of each sheep and the crown
6. Sellotape the string to the back of each picture
7. Lift each end of the string up and attach your sheep and crown bunting to the wall or window