

## Week 12 Family Letter

# God's Presence Gives Us Peace: David, the Singing Shepherd

(1 Samuel 16; Psalm 23)

King Saul was sick. He felt bad. Who could help him feel better? Someone who plays music! That would help. But who could play music for King Saul? The singing shepherd, David.

David was a very smart boy and was very good at playing the harp. He would watch his sheep in the field so they wouldn't get hurt. He would sing songs. The sheep were happy. David was good at taking care of them.

David stopped taking care of the sheep. Someone else could do that. David started to live in the palace. He started taking care of the king. David sang songs for King Saul. David played his harp for King Saul. The king felt better. The king was happy again! David was good at taking care of Saul. The singing shepherd turned into the singing servant for the king.

God was with David. God was with King Saul. God is with us! We feel happy and peaceful too.

### Bible Words

Let the peace of Christ rule in  
your hearts.

Colossians 3:15

### Dear Family,

There are times in our lives when nothing seems to cheer us. For your child, he or she may get so frustrated or tired that nothing seems to calm him or her. No amount of reasoning, explaining, distraction, or redirection can stop the crying. For you, you may be overwhelmed with an unending list of things to do.

In this week's Bible story, King Saul felt inconsolable and depressed. Let your child point to the thing in the picture that helped Saul feel better (the harp). Music can soothe the troubled soul. David, a shepherd boy, played music while he watched his sheep in the fields. The same music calmed Saul when nothing else seemed to do the trick.

The next time you or your child feels that way, turn on some music and see if that turns the situation upside down. It's harder to feel gloomy when you're dancing around, smiling, and singing. Try the *Celebrate Jesus! Volume 1 and 2* CD sets from Concordia Publishing House. Because of sin in the world, sometimes you and your child will feel sad and go through difficult times. But you can remember that we always have something to sing about—Jesus forgives us of our sins! We have peace knowing that we will be with God forever in heaven. Read Psalm 23 on page 369 of *The Story Bible* together.



