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☆ Let's Talk

ASK *Why did Samuel send for David the shepherd boy, the son of Jesse?*

SAY God told Samuel to anoint David because one day David would become king of Israel. So Samuel took a horn of oil and poured it on David's head in front of his family. From that day on God's Spirit was with David.

ASK *What did David do next?*

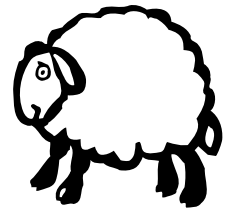
SAY David went back to being a shepherd because it was not yet time to serve as king. His heart was filled with trust in the Lord. He knew that God would give him the strength and help he needed to be a good king when the time came.

ASK *Who is our perfect King?*

SAY God provided a perfect Savior-King for us. Many years after David was king, God sent Jesus, born from David's family, to die for our sins. God's Son, Jesus, is our perfect Lord and King. He rules over us and he defends us!

☆ Let's Touch and Feel

- 1 Bring to class a **stuffed sheep toy** and a **toy crown**. First, invite everyone to look at and touch the soft sheep. Talk with the children about David's job as a shepherd, and how he needed to protect, feed, and guide the sheep.
- 2 Then have everyone look at the crown and feel it. Talk about the job of a king. A good king protects, takes care of, and guides those who are ruled by him.
- 3 Explain that Jesus is our perfect Shepherd and King. He protects, feeds, and guides those who are in his care every day!



☆ Let's Sing

Listen to and sing "We Thank Thee, Loving Father."
Join hands and sing together this additional verse:

 **Track 21** *Preschool Vol. 1 CD*
Songbook, p. 28

We thank Thee, loving Father,
That Jesus is our King,
Our Ruler and Defender—
His praises we will sing!