

A Wild Fight

An easy-to-read story adapted from I Sam. 17:34-37

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1. David sat on a hill. He played his harp. He sang about God. He watched for lions and bears. Many sheep ate grass on the hill around him.
2. A small lamb walked close to him. David reached out to pet it. "Your wool feels soft, Little Lamb," David said. He patted the lamb's neck. "I love you. I will always keep you safe. That is my job."
3. The lamb said, "Baa.." David smiled. He knew the lamb trusted him. He knew the lamb loved him. Little Lamb wandered away to eat more grass. David sang more songs about God. He watched for lions and bears.
4. David saw the tall grass move. Then he saw something terrible. A lion walked up the hill. It walked toward Little Lamb.
5. David jumped up. "Run, Little Lamb!" he shouted. "Run away from the lion!"
6. The lion roared. He started to jog toward the lamb. Little Lamb did not move.
7. "Do not be afraid!" David called. "I will not let the lion hurt you. God will help me."
8. David grabbed a rock and placed it in his sling. He swung it over his head. Around and around. He let the rock go. The rock flew at the lion. It hit the lion in the face.

9. The rock hurt the lion. The lion roared louder. He did not slow down. He ran faster toward Little Lamb.
10. David dropped his sling. He picked up a club. He ran toward the lion. "Help me, God!" he shouted. "The lion is big. The lion is strong. I am small. Help me save Little Lamb."
11. The lion opened his mouth wide. He roared. He leaped at Little Lamb. David jumped between the lamb and the lion. He grabbed the lion by the beard. He yanked the lion's face away from Little Lamb.
12. The lion swiped at David with his paws. But God made David fast. David jumped out of the way.
13. The lion tried to bite David. But God made David strong. He held onto the lion's beard. He yanked the lion's mouth open very wide. The lion could not bite him. Then God helped David kill the lion with his club.
14. David hugged the small lamb. "Don't feel afraid, Little Lamb," he said. "I love you. I will always help you. I will always protect you."

The lamb said, "Baa."