

## **Shepherd, Dancer, Poet, King - Telling and Singing the Stories of King David: Stories for Children**

### **Stories about David: Retellings**

Jaffe, Nina, and Kelly Stribling Sutherland. Tales for the Seventh Day: A Collection of Sabbath Stories. New York: Scholastic Press, 2000.

A collection of traditional Jewish tales and legends from the Talmud and other sources celebrating the holiest day of the week, including the midrash "King David and the Spider" about how David was helped by a spider to evade King Saul and his men on the sabbath.

Kimmel, Eric A., and David Diaz. Be Not Far from Me: The Oldest Love Story : Legends from the Bible. 1st ed. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1998.

An excellent and straightforward retelling of the stories from the Hebrew Scriptures including those of Samuel, Saul, David, and Solomon. Art work by Caldecott-winning illustrator David Diaz nicely complement these lengthy stories.

L'Engle, Madeleine. Ladder of Angels: Scenes from the Bible. New York: Seabury Press, 1979.

Presents stories and scenes from the Old Testament rewritten by the author and accompanied by children's paintings, including the tales of "Samuel Anoints Saul," "David Plays for Saul," "David and Goliath," "Saul is Jealous of David and Tries to Kill Him," "The Capture of Jerusalem," "David and Bathsheba," and "Solomon's Judgment".

Mark, Jan, and David Parkins. God's Story. 1st U.S. ed. Cambridge, Mass: Candlewick Press, 1998.

An illustrated retelling of stories from the Old Testament, including ones about Saul and David by British author Jan Mark.

Podwal, Mark. Jerusalem Sky. New York: Random House, 2005. Imprint: A Doubleday Book for Young Readers. This picture book on the history of Jerusalem in the three Abrahamic faiths could help little children get situated in Bible geography / sacred geography. Wonderful, Chagall-like illustrations.

Weiss, Jim. Tales from the Old Testament. Greathall Productions, 1989.

Recording by storyteller Jim Weiss. Includes the stories of "David and Goliath," "David's dance," and "Wise King Solomon" among others. Also listed on the audio/visual resource page.

### **Illustrated examples of Psalm 23**

Ladwig, Tim. Psalm Twenty-Three. Grand Rapids, Mich: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 1997.

The text of the familiar psalm comparing God to a loving shepherd accompanies illustrations which shows the world of love and fear faced by an urban African-American family.

Tudor, Tasha. The Lord is My Shepherd : The Twenty-Third Psalm. New York: Philomel Books, 1980.

Presents an illustrated version of the twenty-third Psalm set in the rolling countryside of New England, circa early 20th century.

Wilson, Anne. The Lord is My Shepherd. Grand Rapids, Mich: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2003.

An illustrated version of the psalm featuring people from different parts of the world.

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