

# David Obeys His Father

## I Samuel 17:17-22

A long, long time ago, three brothers were in the army, helping the king fight against some enemies. They had another brother; he was too young to be a soldier. He stayed at home and took care of his father's sheep. His name was David.

"David," his father called to him one day. "David, come here. I want you to do something for me."

When David came to the place his father was, he saw some great big bags of food.

"I want you to take this roasted grain and this bread to your brothers," said David's father. "Be sure to find them and see how they are: then come back and tell me."

The Bible tells us that early the next morning; David left his sheep with a helper and began to walk toward the army camp. Step, step, step, step – David walked down the dusty path. Step, step, step, step – David kept on walking. His father had told him to take the food to his brothers in the army: David was obeying his father. On and on he walked. Step, step, step, step.

At last, David came to the place where the king's army was. The soldiers were already lining up, getting ready to fight. But David's father had told him to find his brothers and see for himself that they were all right. David left the food he had brought with another soldier and ran to the place where the soldiers were. He looked this way and that way. WHERE were his brothers? Oh, there they were – over there!

David ran to them. He probably told them about the good food their father had sent to them. He could see for himself that his brothers were all right. How glad his father would be to hear that! David was glad he had obeyed.

### Bible Verse to Learn

"Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." (Colossians 4:20).