

Parent Packet

Sunday, May 31st 2020

Main Idea	The Lord is my shepherd. He comforts me. He leads me.
Scripture	Psalm 23: 3-4
This Month's Memory Verse	<i>"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.</i> <u>Repeat the verse:</u> have family members recite the verse over and over together while doing activities such as marching in place, patting their heads, rubbing their bellies, spinning in circles, etc.
Activity	<u>Follow the Path:</u> draw a pathway for kids to follow outside with sidewalk chalk. Make it as easy or difficult as you like, and have them follow it, reminding them that God leads us through our path of life.
Craft	<u>Sheep mask:</u> cut out the center of a paper plate and have kids glue cotton balls around the edge. Have them hold it up to their face like a mask, reminding them that we are like sheep.
Service	Mail a card or letter: whose mailing address do you have that could use some encouragement? Can you mail them a homemade card or hand written letter?
Prayer	Dear God, thank You that You are a Good Shepherd that takes good care of us, Your sheep. Thank You for leading us through the path of life, and for comforting us when we're hurt or scared.
Catechism	Question #48: What is the church? A community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship together.

This Week's Story

Kindergarten-Third grade

Tip: before you begin, have your Bible open to Psalm 23. Point to the words as you read them. It helps the kids connect that these words are really from the Bible, and it sets a good example for them to see.

What do you do when you get hurt? Do you sometimes cry? Run to a grown up for a hug, or a band-aid, or an ice pack? When Penny gets hurt, she sometimes cries, and tries to take a few deep breaths. When Parker gets hurt, he always likes an ice pack.

What do you do when you're scared? Do you sometimes cry? Do you go to a grown up for a hug? Do you say a prayer? When Penny feels scared, she likes a hug from Dad. When Parker feels scared, he just wants to be around more people.

Last week, we learned that we are sheep, and God is our Shepherd. We aren't *actually* sheep- we're just kind of like sheep because we need someone to take care of us. Psalm 23 says . . .

(Read verses 3-4)

A good shepherd tries to lead the sheep on a path where they won't get hurt or scared, but if they do, the shepherd comforts them and makes them feel better. God is our Shepherd, and He does the same thing for us, leading us on a good path through our lives. He goes on the path before us. So even when we run into hard or scary things, He's already been through it, and He'll go through it with us. And when we do get scared or hurt, He's there to comfort us and makes us feel better.

So what . . .

does this story teach us about Jesus?

do you like about this story?

is weird about this story?

can we learn from this story about our lives today?

This Week's Story

Fourth grade plus

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(Read verses 3-4)

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Preschool

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What do you do when you're scared? Do you sometimes cry? Do you go to a grown up for a hug? Do you say a prayer? When Penny feels scared, she likes a hug from Dad.

Last week, we learned that we are sheep, and God is our Shepherd. We aren't *actually* sheep- we're just kind of like sheep because we need someone to take care of us. Psalm 23 says . . .

(Read verses 3-4)

God is our Shepherd, and He leads us on a good path through our lives. He goes on the path before us. So even when we run into hard or scary things, He's already been through it, and He'll go through it with us. And when we do get scared or hurt, He comforts us and makes us feel better.