

Psalm 23 The Message (MSG)

A David Psalm

23 1-3 God, my shepherd!

I don't need a thing.

You have bedded me down in lush meadows,

you find me quiet pools to drink from.

True to your word,

you let me catch my breath  
and send me in the right direction.

4 Even when the way goes through

Death Valley,

I'm not afraid

when you walk at my side.

Your trusty shepherd's crook

makes me feel secure.

5 You serve me a six-course dinner

right in front of my enemies.

You revive my drooping head;

my cup brims with blessing.

6 Your beauty and love chase after me

every day of my life.

I'm back home in the house of God

for the rest of my life.

## PSALM 23 THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Watch the video with the children.

Psalm 23 New Living Translation (NLT)

Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

1 The Lord is my shepherd;

I have all that I need.

2 He lets me rest in green meadows;

he leads me beside peaceful streams.

3 He renews my strength.

He guides me along right paths,

bringing honour to his name.

4 Even when I walk

through the darkest valley,<sup>[a]</sup>

I will not be afraid,

for you are close beside me.

Your rod and your staff

protect and comfort me.

5 You prepare a feast for me

in the presence of my enemies.

You honor me by anointing my head with oil.

My cup overflows with blessings.

6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me

all the days of my life,

and I will live in the house of the Lord

forever.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6fM4\\_8VU-8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6fM4_8VU-8)

**Read the Psalm from the Bible together.**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ✚ What are all the things the Lord is doing?
- ✚ Psalm 23 describes God as a good shepherd who leads, guides, refreshes, comforts, prepares and anoints his sheep. Which action best describes your interactions with God?
- ✚ How does freedom from worry (not worrying) show our confidence in God to provide and care for us?
- ✚ What makes it difficult to trust or to believe that God's ways are better than our ways? How can we learn to trust God more?
- ✚ What thoughts or feelings come to mind when you think about the fact that God is good and that He has good plans for your life?

## ACTIVITY:

Draw or paint the story of Psalm 23 or Staff Craft

