



THE BIG IDEA | I am safe because God watches over me!

Elementary

SCRIPTURE | The Lord is My Shepherd: Psalm 23

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look up the passage in your Bible and encourage the kids to do the same. Read it! Draw the things described as you read Psalm 23.*
- Does anyone remember who King David is? Does anyone remember what his job was before he became king?
- That's right, David used to be a shepherd. So he knows what he's talking about when he describes how a shepherd takes care of their sheep in this psalm.
- The shepherd makes sure the sheep have food and water. The shepherd makes sure the sheep stay on the right paths. The shepherd protects the sheep from harm.
- God loves us and takes care of us the same way a shepherd loves and takes care of sheep. Sheep don't always know how to take care of themselves, so they always need a shepherd looking out for them. We are all a lot like sheep because we need help sometimes, too. Good thing we have a great shepherd like God to take care of us!

ACTIVITY | Jar 'O Promises

- One thing that can help us remember God will always take care of us is knowing the many promises God has made to us!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each kid a copy of the printable and a mason jar. Have the kids cut out each promise, then ask each kid to look up one of the verses and read it aloud to the group, or you can read it for them. Have them put all their promises into their mason jar.*
- Which of these promises do you need most today? When are some times you might need to remember these promises?

DISCUSSION

When are some times when you might not feel safe?

Read Psalm 23:6. What do you think it means that goodness and mercy will always follow you?

Sometimes, God can help us with the help of other people. What are some ways you can be helpful to others?

PRAYER

- Dear God, Thank you for being our shepherd and giving us everything we need. Help us to turn to you when we aren't feeling so great in our hearts, like when we are worried or scared or stressed or angry. We know we are safe because you watch over us.

MEMORY VERSE | Psalm 95:1

