

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What three words would you use to describe God?
- Share something you worry about and then pray as a family for God's comfort and guidance.
- Why do you think people sometimes wander from God?

David's Psalm

Psalm 23

STORY POINT: DAVID WROTE A PSALM TO PRAISE GOD.

In Bible times, people wrote songs called psalms to praise God. David loved God with all his heart, and he wrote many of the psalms in the Bible. Before David was a king, he was a shepherd. He fought off lions and bears to protect the sheep. When David thought about God, he realized that God is like a shepherd. This is a psalm that David wrote about God:

"The LORD is my shepherd.
I have everything I need.
He lets me rest in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.
He gives me strength, and
He leads me along the right
paths
for His name's sake.

Even when I go through the
darkest valley,
I do not fear danger,
for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff
comfort me.

"You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Only goodness and faithful love will be
with me

all the days of my life,

and I will live in the house of the LORD forever."

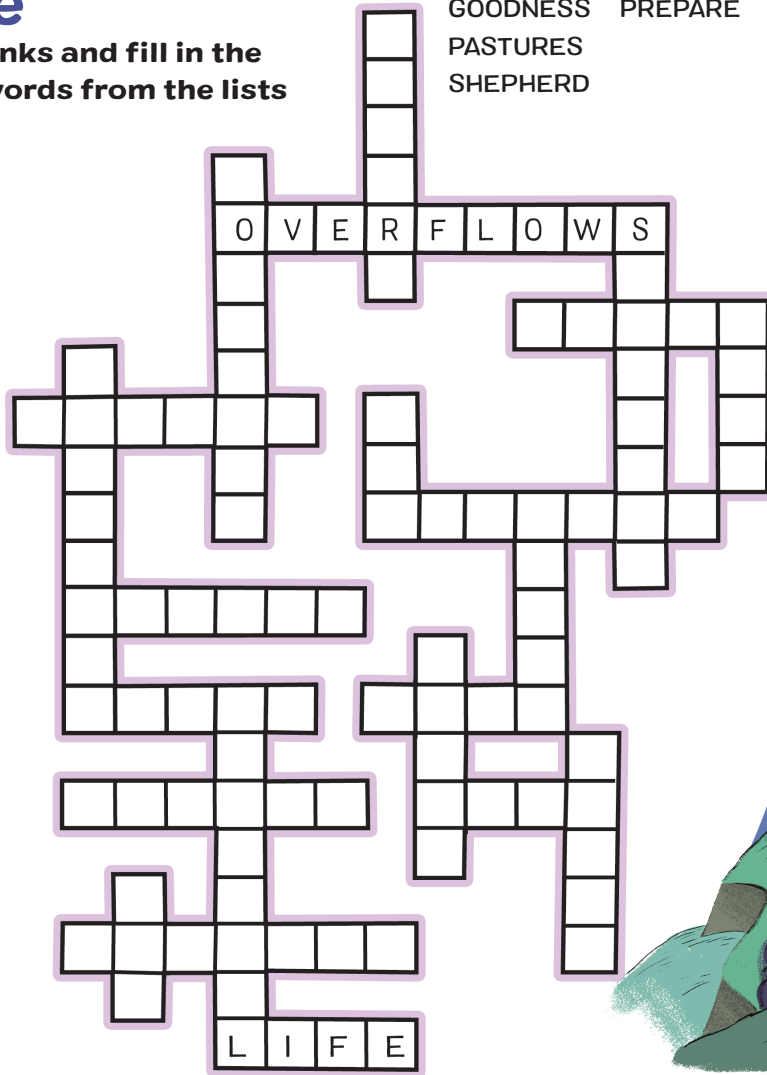


Christ Connection: David compared God's love, protection, and guidance for His people to that provided by a shepherd for his sheep. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He laid down His life to save people from sin. Because of Jesus, we have hope that one day we will live with God forever.

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Shepherd Word Puzzle

Count the blanks and fill in the puzzle with words from the lists provided.



8 letters:
 FAITHFUL
 GOODNESS
 PASTURES
 SHEPHERD

7 letters:
 COMFORT
 PREPARE

6 letters:
 ANOINT
 RENEWS
 VALLEY
 WATERS

5 letters:
 DWELL
 LEADS
 PATHS
 STAFF
 TABLE

4 letters:
 DAYS
 LORD
 LOVE

3 letters:
 CUP
 ROD

Psalm 23

Choose a verse from Psalm 23 and write it below. Underline the words that are most important to you.

