

This Week in Sunday School – February 19th, 2012

This week we began a new unit, focusing on “The Lord is My Shepherd,” or Psalm 23. Before getting into the details of this familiar Psalm, we talked about where the Psalms are found in the Bible and how they originated and were used. Psalm 23 is a favorite Psalm for many people. It talks about God protecting us.

Ask your child what he or she learned about the Psalms this week!



Tell me how you're feeling...

The psalms were written by the Hebrews long ago to express emotion to God.

Whether they were feeling happy, sad, thankful, or fearful, they used these songs to let God know how they felt.



Reminder:

Sunday School begins at 8:30 a.m. We will meet in The Marketplace each week as a large group where we will collect offering and learn together before moving on to our separate activity stations.

Lost in translation?

The psalms have been translated many different ways, just as the rest of the Bible has been. Take a look at these two translations. On the left, Psalm 23 from the King James Bible, and on the right, Psalm 23 from The Message, a more modern translation.

Try reading them both with your child. Do you get the same feeling from both of them?

King James Version (KJV)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Message (MSG)

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.