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| **The Song of the Shepherd (Psalm 23)**God is my ShepardAnd I am his little lamb.He feeds meHe guides meHe looks after me.I have everything I need.Inside, my heart is very quiet.As quiet as lying still in soft green grassIn a meadowBy a little stream.Even when I walk throughThe dark, scary, loney placesI won’t be afraidBecause my Shepherd knows where I am.He is here with meHe keeps me safeHe rescues meHe makes me strongAnd Brave.He is getting wonderful things ready for meEspecially for meEverything I ever dreamed of!He fills my heart so full of happinessI can’t hold it all inside.Wherever I go I knowGod’s Never StoppingNever Giving UpUnbreakingAlways and ForeverLoveWill go, too!The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones | **PSALM 23 (NLT)**   The Lord is my shepherd;    I have all that I need.2He 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.4Even when I walk    through the darkest valley,I will not be afraid,    for you are close beside me.Your rod and your staff    protect and comfort me.5You prepare a feast for me    in the presence of my enemies.You honour me by anointing my head with oil.    My cup overflows with blessings.6Surely 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.   |

Many people think King David wrote this Psalm. David was a shepherd before being chosen by God to become Israel’s king.

1. How does reading/hearing this Psalm make you feel? Why?

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1. Who do you think the shepherd and sheep are meant to be in this Psalm?

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1. Look at verses 2-4 : How might reading this help those who have trouble or worry in their lives?

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1. What does the Psalmist mean when he says, ‘I will live in the house of the LORD forever’?

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1. Psalm 23 is probably number one on the Psalm Charts (if Psalm charts existed). Why do you think it is such a well-known Psalm?

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Draw some pictures around the Psalm on the previous page to illustrate it or you could copy it on to a bigger piece of paper and draw around it.