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| **The Song of the Shepherd (Psalm 23)**  God is my Shepard  And I am his little lamb.  He feeds me  He guides me  He looks after me.  I have everything I need.  Inside, my heart is very quiet.  As quiet as lying still in soft green grass  In a meadow  By a little stream.  Even when I walk through  The dark, scary, loney places  I won’t be afraid  Because my Shepherd knows where I am.  He is here with me  He keeps me safe  He rescues me  He makes me strong  And Brave.  He is getting wonderful things ready for me  Especially for me  Everything I ever dreamed of!  He fills my heart so full of happiness  I can’t hold it all inside.  Wherever I go I know  God’s Never Stopping  Never Giving Up  Unbreaking  Always and Forever  Love  Will 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. What is a shepherd’s crook used for? How might it be a comfort?

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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.