

Jesus the Good Shepherd

(S. John 10:11–16)

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep. When the hired man, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; so the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. The hired man runs away because he is only a hired man and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them. There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock with one shepherd.”

The Lord is My Shepherd

(Psalm 23)

The Lord is my shepherd;
I have everything I need.

He lets me rest in fields of green grass
and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water.

He gives me new strength.
He guides me in the right paths,
as he has promised.

Even if I go through the deepest darkness,
I will not be afraid, Lord,
for you are with me.
Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me.

You prepare a banquet for me,
where all my enemies can see me;
you welcome me as an honoured guest
and fill my cup to the brim.

I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life;
and your house will be my home as long as I live.



Psalm 23

Psalm 23 comes from the Book of Psalms in the Old Testament. Psalms (*pronounced "sawms"*) are a kind of sacred song or poem used in the worship of God. Tradition tells us that the Psalms were written by King David. The Psalms in the Bible express a huge range of emotions: some Psalms are joyful, some are sorrowful, some express fear and anger. Psalm 23 is a good reminder that everything in life comes from God.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need."

What is most important in my life: _____

"He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right paths, as he has promised."

A time when God helped me through a challenge: _____

"Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me."

Something I am scared of or nervous about (that I know God can help me get through!):

“You prepare a banquet for me...you welcome me as an honoured guest and fill my cup to the brim.”

A special blessing in my life:

***“I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life;
and your house will be my home as long as I live.”***

A prayer of thanksgiving:

Thank you Lord for sending us Your Son Jesus to be our shepherd who laid down his life for us. You are the source of all the goodness in my life. Never let me stray from the safe path you have set before me. Guide me, protect me, and keep me in your flock forever. Through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.



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H K P X D A G Q L S O J X L Z P C G
V G A U A T O K O V S R E S E V J A
V P O G V H O Z C B D H W S H A Y H
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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

AFRAID

BIBLE

DARKNESS

DAVID

FATHER

FLOCK

GOD

GOODNESS

JESUS

JOHN

LEAD

LIFE

LISTEN

PROTECT

PSALM

SHEEP

SHEPHERD

VOICE

WOLF