

Sunday, March 22nd – A Shepherd Loves

Bible Passage: John 10:1-18; Psalm 23

Bible Story: The Good Shepherd

Resources (next five pages)

A Shepherd Loves opening

A Shepherd Loves handout

Jesus and His sheep coloring page

I am the Good Shepherd words coloring page

The Good Shepherd crossword

Scripture Snapshot

Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd as He promises to lead and guide His sheep. Jesus willingly laid down His life for His sheep, even those who often ignore the voice of the Shepherd. His flock includes “other sheep,” Gentiles not descended from Abraham. David’s familiar Twenty-third Psalm describes the work of our Good Shepherd.

Talking Points

Who has Jesus put in your life to help shepherd you in the faith? When do you hear Jesus speaking through these people?

When did Jesus lay down His life for you, as the shepherd does for the sheep? What do you have because of Jesus’ death and resurrection?

Read Psalm 23 together. What is your favorite part? Have your child(ren) work on memorizing it.

Activity Idea

Take a stuffed animal or toy sheep and hide it somewhere in your home. Ask your child(ren) to be good shepherds and look for the lost sheep. When they find it, hide it again. At the end of the activity, talk about how Jesus, our Good Shepherd, cares for us.

Craft Idea

[Sheep Paper Plates Craft](#) – need paper plate, cotton balls, black construction paper (or color white paper with black crayon/marker)

Snack Idea

If you have marshmallows and pretzel sticks, can your children use those to make a sheep? Maybe chocolate chips for eyes?

Other Ideas

Song – [I am Jesus’ Little Lamb](#) by Concordia Publishing House

Song – [The Baa Baa Song \(He’s the Good Shepherd\)](#) – by Sibling Harmony

Song – I Just Want to be a Sheep – look on YouTube, there are multiple versions

Cartoon – Douglas Talks – [Jesus, the Good Shepherd](#) (about 5 min)