



The Good Shepherd

David the shepherd king, from Psalm 51; 2 Samuel 7; paraphrase of Psalm 23

This Week's truth

Jesus is our Good Shepherd!

Read & Remember

Find a comfortable place together and read aloud pages 130-135.

- ❖ What did we learn David did besides being a king and killing Goliath? *He was a shepherd*
- ❖ What does a shepherd do? *He takes care of the sheep*
- ❖ What promise did God make to David? *One day a great king will be born into David's family. This king would heal the whole world.*
- ❖ What did David write? *Songs called Psalms in the bible*
- ❖ Why did God give David a song to sing with the people about a shepherd? *So they would know God would always love them and care for them like a shepherd cares for his sheep*
- ❖ One day God would send a greater shepherd, the Good Shepherd His son Jesus. What would the Good Shepherd Jesus do? *Lead all of God's lamb back to God where they belonged.*

Jesus in the Story

"The Lord is David's Shepherd, and He is our Shepherd. The Lord loves us and takes care of us in the way a shepherd loves and takes care of his sheep; we need to obey the Lord, like sheep obey their shepherd."

"Sometimes a shepherd must rescue and save his sheep like the Lord saves and rescues us. We are like sheep, and that is why Jesus is called the Good Shepherd."

What did we discover about God/Jesus from today's story?

Some examples: God sent His Shepherd. Jesus is our Good Shepherd. Jesus cares for us.

Pray Together

Thank you God that you sent your Good Shepherd Jesus to care for us. Thank you God, as the Shepherd King, Jesus laid down his life for us.

Sing

We are currently learning "All Hail the King of Heaven?" in preparation for the Advent Season. You may find the version we are singing here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jkCF19Si8g4&list=RDjkCF19Si8g4&start_radio=1

Memory Verse

Our memory verse is from Psalms: *"I keep my eyes always on the Lord. I will not be shaken."* Psalm 16:8 I encourage you to read this verse with your children throughout the week. Post it on the refrigerator and work together to memorize it!