

The Shepherd's Care



**Memory
Verse**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me
beside still waters. - Psalm 23:2**

Sheep have to be cared for. The shepherd must constantly look after their needs. When the sheep are hungry, the shepherd takes them to green pastures where they have plenty to eat. When the sheep are thirsty, he leads them to a quiet stream where they can drink. When the sheep are in danger of being eaten by wild animals, the shepherd is their protector. Even rest is important. Did you know that sheep will not lie down unless they are free from hunger, thirst or fear of enemies and tormenting pests, such as flies? The shepherd works hard to see that the sheep have all their needs met so they will be healthy and strong.

God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to provide for our greatest need, our need for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus' death on the cross took care of our sin. By His death, He provided the way for us to be a part of God's family. Jesus wants what is best for us. He came so that we could have life and have it abundantly. He wants to be our shepherd. It is up to each of us to accept or reject His care, to listen to his voice and follow him.

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Lesson Activity

Look up Psalm 23:1-3 in your Bible to help you fill in the blanks.

The _____ is _____ ;
21 24 19 2 15

I shall _____. He makes me _____
1 16 13 7 5

in _____. He _____ me
4 25 11 8 3 20

_____.
22 18 17 14

He _____ my _____. He _____ me
23 10

in _____ of _____ for his
9 12 6

name's sake.

Now write the letter that matches a number from your work above.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

_____ ch _____ v _____ !
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25