



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

An Honest Look at Psalm 23

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Psalm 23

¹*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.*

²*He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,*

³*he restores my soul.*

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,*

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶*Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

For the Kids: What is your favorite animal? Why might someone not pick a sheep as their favorite animal?

For the Kids: Can you think of 3 ways God is like a shepherd?

1. What were Mother's Day celebrations like in your family when you were young?

2. In many ways a mother is like a shepherd (especially the shepherd in Psalm 23). How many similarities can you come up with?

3. Which word pictures from Psalm 23 do you treasure? Why?

4. How could speaking this beautiful psalm make you feel dishonest?

5. King David wrote this song. Using your memory of David's earthly life, prove that even David could not honestly say these words on his own.

6. Re-read the Psalm picturing Jesus as the speaker. What insights does this exercise bring you?

7. Jesus prays Psalm 23 *vicariously*, that means, in our stead. How does that change the meaning of "I shall not be in want"? "He leads me in paths of righteousness"? "I will fear no evil"?

8. **Agree or Disagree:** You can sing Psalm 23 and mean every single line with 100% honesty.

9. **Agree or Disagree:** The only way to celebrate Mother's Day with honesty is in Christ.

10. We've reviewed what Psalm 23 teaches. What does Psalm 23 *DO* to you? (Alternatively, how does Psalm 23 affect you?)

