

Dear Parents,

This week we are looking closely at the 23rd Psalm. Take some time to talk to your kids about what a psalm is and how important it is to sing to God no matter what we are feeling.

OPENING ACTIVITY

Experiment with Overflows

Provide a large, shallow plastic tub of water, a plastic pitcher, and several small plastic containers. Allow children to experiment pouring water from one container to another over the plastic tub. Demonstrate what happens when you pour too much water into a small container. Place towels around the plastic tub for any spills and provide extra towels to dry wet hands.

Say: Playing with water can be fun! What happened when we tried to pour too much water into the containers? That's right, the water came out over the sides. When that happens, we say that it overflows. In the song David wrote in today's Bible story, he said God gave him so many good things, he felt like he was overflowing.

WORSHIP

These songs are what we suggest for today's lesson. You can use these links or access them from the TCC Kids YouTube playlist. As always, do what works best for your family and use whatever songs you'd like to worship together!

- "My God is So Big and So Strong", <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUageJdwyPY>
- "Thankful", <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Earct6EBiwg>
- "Good Good Father", https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eE_l-Klp2Uk

BIBLE STORY

Bible Passage: Psalm 23

Main Point: David wrote a psalm to praise God.

Big Picture Question: How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over everything.

Christ Connection *David compared God's love, protection, and guidance for His people to that provided by a shepherd for his sheep. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He laid down His life to save people from sin. Because of Jesus, we have hope that one day we will live with God forever.*

PRAYER TIME

Spend some time as a family in prayer. Pray for your kids and pray out loud with your kids! Encourage them to pray and share with God what is on their hearts.

Say: *God, this story reminds us that you are a good God who takes care of us. Help us to trust in you as our Shepherd. Help us listen to you, follow you, and look to you when we are scared or sad. Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who died to save us from our sin. We have hope that we will live forever with you. We worship you today. Amen.*

CRAFT/ACTIVITY

Paint to a Song

Provide painting smocks, heavyweight paper, small cups of water, paintbrushes, and watercolor paints. Play soft music as toddlers paint. Read Psalm 23 and talk about the Bible story as children work. Write the story point or Christ connection on each child's artwork and set it aside to dry.

*Say: David loved God very much. David wrote a song about God's kindness. David said God is like a shepherd. God shows His goodness and faithful love to us every day. God sent Jesus because He loves us. **JESUS IS OUR KING.***

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