



Toddler Resource Packet

Pleasant Valley Church of Christ

Monthly Theme: God is my shepherd.

Memory Verse: The Lord is my shepherd. Psalm 34

Bible Character of the Month: David

Lessons this month:

- God knows me.
- God takes care of me
- I can follow God
- Jesus Leads Me to God





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God is My Shepherd

Lesson 1

Lesson Theme: God knows me.

Memory Verse: The Lord is my shepherd. Psalm 23:1

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Resources:

Danielle's Place

Ministry to Children

Sunday School Zone





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God is My Shepherd

Memory Verse: "The Lord is my shepherd." Psalm 23:1

Show your toddler the verse in your Bible. Help your toddler practice saying the memory verse. Use simple hand motions to help your child remember the verse. You can also use the provided sheep pictures with the verse to help your child practice.

Emphasize that the people and events in the Bible are real, and the Bible is the Word of God. Use the provided story teaching picture and story overview, read from a child's Bible, or tell the story in your own words.





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BIBLE TIME for Toddlers

David Was a Shepherd Boy (1 Samuel 16:6-12; 17:12-15, 34-36)

Long ago there lived a young boy named David. David lived in Bethlehem with his father, Jesse, and his seven older brothers. Let's count to seven. David wrote songs and sang praises to God. He also played the harp. Three of David's brothers were soldiers in the king's army. David, however, stayed home and helped his father. One of David's jobs was to care for the sheep. People who do this are called shepherds. Shepherds love their sheep. They count each one and keep them all safe. The sheep love the shepherd. They know his voice and follow only their shepherd. Many people thought that David wasn't as important as his brothers because he was younger and wasn't in the army and just took care of the sheep. But God knew David's heart. David loved God very much. God had a special plan for David. God helped David take care of his sheep, fight a giant, and even become king later.

God knows you and has a special plan for you, too. And just like a shepherd knows his sheep and takes care of them, God knows you and takes care of you.

"The Lord is my shepherd." Psalm 23:1



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God is My Shepherd-God Knows Me



Games & Activities

Read

Read together the Book For Little Ones-God Knows Me.

Activity
Book

Help your child complete the God Knows me Itty Bitty Book. From Danielle's Place. Talk about the pictures as your child colors the book.

Mirror
Fun

Join your child in making silly faces in the mirror. Call your child by name and remind them that God made them, God knows them and loves them. Tell them that God has a special plan just for him/her!

One on one
time

Ask your child to tell you about their favorite things-color, toy, food, etc. Tell your child what you love about him/her, what make s them special. Emphasize how God makes each of us unique. He knows



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Games & Activities

Paper
puppets

Let your child decorate the David and sheep paper puppets. Then, use tape to attach them to craft sticks. Encourage your child to name each sheep and call them by name.

Craft

Help your toddler complete the God Knows My Name page. Add your child's name, then let your child decorate the letters.

Sing

Sing songs about God' and Jesus' love, like Jesus Loves Me, Jesus Loves the Little Children.

God knows my name

The Lord is my shepherd.