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August 8-14

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

1. Psalms Teach of Jesus Christ – Read and discuss "[Psalms Teach of Jesus Christ](#)" from *The Friend*.
2. "The Lord Is" Playdough Activity – From the manual: Write on the board *The Lord is* . Let the children choose one or more of the following scriptures to read: [Psalms 23:1](#); [27:1](#); [28:1](#); [28:7](#); [32:7](#); [46:1](#). Ask them to complete the sentence on the board using what they learn from their scripture. Help the children discuss what these symbols teach us about the Lord.
 - Playdough Game: We're going to use this idea from the manual, but turn it more into game format because our kids are a little younger and focus better with a little more fun thrown into it. Print up page 4 below, cut out the cards, and place them upside-down. Without letting the others see, let one person take a card. They will use playdough to model what the picture on the card is (shepherd, light, shield, or rock). Whoever guesses it correctly can do the next card. You can also let them draw their pictures or give clues about what they are.
 - After each one is guessed, read the scripture at the bottom of the card and talk about what it means.
3. Video – For the rest of this lesson, we'll focus on the idea of the Lord being our shepherd. Watch and discuss "[The Lord is My Shepherd](#)" video from Latter Day Kids. Can also color "[The Lord is My Shepherd](#)" coloring page from *The Friend* magazine.
4. Sheep Mask – Let each kid make a sheep mask. Click the picture below for a link to one that can be printed. Glue cotton balls to the top of the head while stating ways the Lord takes care of us like a shepherd takes care of their sheep. Listen to "[Dear to the Heart of the Shepherd](#)" while coloring/cutting out.



5. Psalms 23 Words – Spend some time talking about the words to Psalm 23 (on page 5 below). You could either have the kids act out each part as you read it out loud, draw/paint a picture of each part, or whatever other creative ideas you have. Click on pictures below for sheep with the words to Psalm 23 written on them. These could be used to discuss and/or memorize the verses.



6. Scripture Draw – Do the scripture draw on page 3 below.
7. Sheep Treat – Make one of the following sheep treats (click on picture for link to websites with instructions).

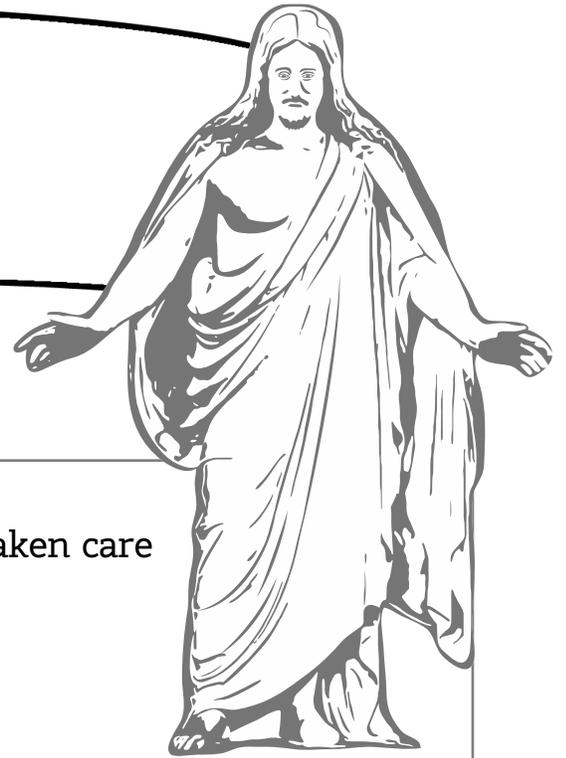


Additional Ideas:

More Great Free Ideas at www.theredcrystal.org
[Old Testament Cartoon Videos from the Church Website](#)
[Write a Psalm Activity from The Friend Magazine](#)
["Come into the Fold of God" Talk](#)
[Lambs with Psalms 23 verses written on them](#)
[Activities for Memorizing Psalm 23](#)

Psalm 23:1

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”



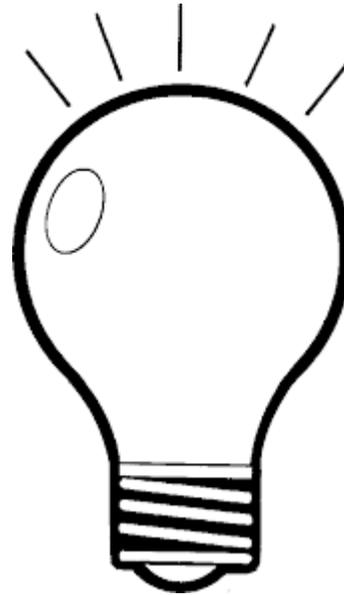
Draw a picture or write one way the Lord has taken care of you in your life.

SHEPHERD



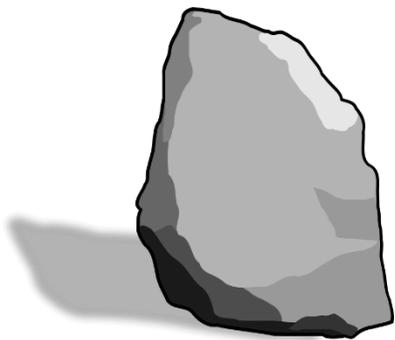
Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

LIGHT



Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

ROCK



Psalm 28:1 Unto thee will I cry, O Lord my rock, be not silent to me.

SHIELD



Psalm 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him

Psalm 23

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."