



**Date** April 11, 2021

**Passage** Psalm 23 and John 10:1-21

**Main Point** The Lord is my shepherd.

**Application** The Lord cares for me.

### Bible Summary

Today we start our new series and we will be learning all about Psalm 23. This Psalm was written by David and teaches how, like a shepherd cares for His sheep, Jesus cares for us. David himself was a shepherd and knew firsthand what it was like to care for sheep. David would make sure his sheep had food, water, and a safe place to live. If David saw that a wolf or something else was trying to hurt one of his sheep, he would protect his sheep from the danger. In the first verse of Psalm 23, David writes that the Lord is our shepherd and begins to teach us that Jesus provides for us, cares for us, and protects us. In John 10:1-21, Jesus teaches that He is the Good Shepherd. Jesus taught using a parable and the example of a shepherd caring for his sheep. At this time, sheep would have been kept outside in an enclosure. Often there would be groups of sheep with different shepherds kept together. In the morning when shepherds came to get their sheep, they would know their sheep and their sheep would know their shepherd by the sound of his voice. The sheep would never follow someone who was not their shepherd and it wouldn't work very well if the sheep tried to lead themselves. It sounds silly to think of a sheep leading other sheep or trying to figure it out on their own, but we do that all the time. When we choose to do things our way rather than God's way we sin, but God doesn't leave us in our sin. When we choose to follow Jesus, we can know He will care for us and He makes a way for our sins to be forgiven and we can live with Him forever.

### Digging Deeper

Can you imagine what it would be like if a sheep tried to lead other sheep or tried to figure things out on its own! That seems so silly!! What do you think would happen if sheep tried to do that? Can you think of a time you tried to do something on your own that ended up badly? Tell your child about a time that you tried to do things on your own rather than following the Lord. What happened? How did it turn out?

### Bible Verse

"The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing."  
Psalm 23:1

### Note to Parents

Impact Kids is every Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:00. We hope to see you there!!

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