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Passage Psalm 23:4b

Main Point The Lord is in charge.

Application The Lord knows what's best for me.

Bible Summary

This week as we continue to learn Psalm 23, we focus on the second part of verse four. We have been learning the Lord is our Shepherd and He cares for us like a shepherd cares for his sheep. We have learned how a shepherd gives his sheep everything they need, leads his sheep, and protects his sheep. This week we learn how the shepherd protects his sheep. This verse tells us the rod and staff comfort the sheep. That might sound strange, but a shepherd would use a rod to protect the sheep from animals that might hurt them and they would use a staff to guide their sheep on the right path. Like sheep, we might not always know if something is bad for us or if something could hurt us, but God does. He knows everything, He knows what is best for us, and He will continue to help us stay on the right path. Sheep find comfort knowing that even if another animal tries to hurt them their shepherd will take charge and protect his sheep. If a sheep leaves the path the shepherd has set for them, the sheep are comforted knowing their shepherd is in charge and will guide them back onto the right path. The Lord is our Shepherd and He is in charge. Nothing happens that He doesn't already know about and when we put our trust in Him, we know He is always with us.

Digging Deeper

Have a family game night. Talk about the rules to the game you play. What would happen if everyone chose to play the game their own way and didn't follow the rules? The game probably wouldn't be very fun and the game probably wouldn't work very well. Talk about how God wants us to obey Him because He knows what is best for us.

Bible Verse

"...your rod and your staff, they comfort me."
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Note to Parents

If your family doesn't already set aside time each week for a family devotional, now is a great time to start! Read Psalm 23 together and talk through what it means for the Lord to be our Shepherd. Then take some time to pray together as a family.

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