

## KS1 - Unit 3, Lesson 7 – Loving Shepherd.

**Context:** We are looking at a series of stories from the Bible that talk about what God is like.

**Essential core:** Christians find out about what God is like and how he wants people to live from the Bible.

**Resources:**

Song - The Lord is my Shepherd [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qak\\_45mnZE0&t=15s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qak_45mnZE0&t=15s)

Godly Play - The Good Shepherd –

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYO\\_382TpCc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYO_382TpCc)

Items to tell the story of The Lord is my Shepherd.

### INTRODUCTION:

What is God like? The Bible says that "God is love". (1 John 4:8)

Who loves us? What things do they do because they love us?

**BUILD UP:** Tell this song from the Bible as a story in the manner of Godly Play. Middle Eastern shepherds lived with their sheep. Taking care of them, leading them to green grass, still drinking water and protecting them from poisonous weeds and wild animals. King David, who wrote this song, had once been a shepherd. If you need inspiration, adapt some of the ideas in this telling of a parable of Jesus, which, though a different story, has a similar theme.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4I9GiHqIshU&t=9s>

### Psalm 23 - A psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,

<sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,<sup>[a]</sup>

I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
for ever.

### TASK:

Teach and sing "The Lord is my shepherd" song.

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### FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

What does this song/story from the Bible say about what God is like?

How do you think this makes Christians feel when they are worried or afraid?