

VBS Sunday: 2026—The Lord is my Shepherd!

Psalm 23

- I. Is the Lord your Shepherd and Savior? (Psalm 23:1)

The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

John 10:10-11, The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 10:8-9a, ⁸ All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved...

- II. Do you appreciate all the blessings we have when the Lord is our Shepherd?

John 10:9-10, ⁹ I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

- A. As the Good Shepherd Jesus guides us in life!
How?

1. Through prayer and His presence!

Ps 25:4-5, Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: For thou *art* the God of my salvation; On thee do I wait all the day.

2. Through His Word—the Bible!

Ps 119:105, Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path.

- B. As our Good Shepherd Jesus comforts us when we are worried and afraid! (Ps 23:4)

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.

- C. If Jesus is your Good Shepherd His Goodness and Mercy will follow you always! (Ps 23:6a)

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

Ps 23:6d, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

1. Sin has a price and God said it must be paid and it is death!

Rom 6:23, For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2. Because of Adam's sin we are sinners and need the salvation He has provided!

Rom 5:12, Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

3:10; 23 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

3. He loves and cares for us all and wants us in His family/flock!

Rom 5:8, But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

4. He wants us to spend forever with Him in Heaven one day!

Psalm 23:6d, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

John 3:16-17, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

III. How can I know Jesus as my Savior and Shepherd?

1. Admit: admit you are a sinner and need the salvation Jesus provided!
2. Believe: accept what we have learned about Jesus from the Bible as true!
3. Forever receive: Turn away from sin and Invite Jesus to forgive your sins and be your Savior!

Rom 10:9-10 says, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.