

DAVID'S PSALM

BIBLE PASSAGE: Psalm 23

STORY POINT: David wrote a song to praise God.

Large plastic tub

Smaller containers

Water

Towels

Activity – experiment with overflow

Provide a large, shallow plastic tub of water, a plastic pitcher, and several small plastic containers. Allow children to experiment pouring water from one container to another over the plastic tub. Demonstrate what happens when you pour too much water into a small container. Place towels around the plastic tub for any spills and provide extra towels to dry wet hands.

i SAY

Playing with water can be fun! What happened when we tried to pour too much water into the containers? That's right! The water came out over the sides. When that happens, we say that it overflows. In the song David wrote in today's Bible story, he said God gave him so many good things, he felt like he was overflowing.

Activity page – practice praise

Lead your child in a simple pat/clap rhythm. Explain that you will say a sentence of praise to God, and they should repeat it with you, continuing the pat/clap rhythm. Adjust the rhythm to fit the sentence.

Use the following praise statements or create your own.

- God, I praise You for being the Good Shepherd.
- God, I praise You for giving me everything I need.
- God, I praise You for giving me rest.
- God, I praise You for leading me.
- God, I praise You for being with me all the time.
- God, I praise You for protecting me.
- God, I praise You for comforting me.
- God, I praise You for sending Jesus

i SAY

*We praise God by telling Him what we love about Him and thanking Him for His good gifts. **David wrote a song to praise God.** We can praise God, too! We praise God most of all for sending Jesus!*

Bible story

Show the video or read the Bible story.

i SAY

*We sing songs of praise to God today, and so did people in Bible times. **David wrote a song to praise God.***

He praised God for taking care of him like a good shepherd takes care of his sheep. A good shepherd is willing to be hurt or even killed to keep his sheep safe.

Jesus cares for us in that way. He died so we could be saved from sin. Jesus is our Good Shepherd. If we turn from our sin and put our trust in Him, we will live with God forever one day!

Review questions

1. What did David write to praise God? (a song)
2. What job did David have before he was a king? (shepherd)
3. What animals did David fight off to protect his sheep? (lions and bears)
4. Why do we not have to be afraid? Who is always with us? (God is always with us.)
5. Who is our Good Shepherd who gave up His life to save us from sin? (Jesus)

Prayer

Dear God, without Your loving guidance and protection, we would have no hope. Thank You for sending Jesus, our Good Shepherd and perfect King of kings. Help us trust in Him for salvation. Amen.

The **BIBLE** Story

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Psalm 23

In Bible times, people wrote songs called psalms to praise God. **David loved God very much, and he wrote many of the songs in the Bible.** Before David was a king, he was a shepherd. He fought off lions and bears to keep the sheep safe. David thought that God is like a shepherd. **This is a song that David**

wrote:

**“The LORD is my shepherd.
I have everything I need.**

**He lets me rest in green
pastures;**

**He leads me beside quiet
waters.**

**He gives me life, and
He leads me along the
right paths**

For His glory.

**Even when I go through
the darkest valley,**

**I do not fear danger,
for You are with me;**

**Your rod and Your staff
comfort me.**

**“You get a meal ready for me
in front of my enemies;**

You pour oil on my head;

my cup overflows.

**Only goodness and faithful love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will live in the LORD's house forever.”**

