



Impact Kids Fall 2025

Leader Devo

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Psalm 23- God is my shepherd, I have all I need, and He helps me feel safe.
Psalm 23:1

Bible- Oct 8- *Psalm 23:4 & Exodus 13:17-22* God is with us in hard times.

Read: Psalm 23:4; Exodus 13:17-22

In This Passage: In this section of Psalm 23, things take a dark turn...into dark valleys. But God, our shepherd, is still there with us! One example of that in the Bible is when the Israelites escape from slavery in Egypt and wander through a desert. Though it's a hard time, God shows he's with them through a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire.

You'll Be Teaching: God is with us in hard times. Kids in your class probably have experienced a range of difficulties. You may have kids who've dealt with really hard things like poverty, homelessness, abuse, or the loss of a parent. Other kids may not have had such traumatic struggles in life, but they'll think of hard times such as being excluded at lunch or getting in a fight with their friends. The fact is, no one—not even kids—is exempt from hard times, so they all need to hear that God is with them!

Think About: What's the hardest thing you've ever gone through? Looking back, how can you see God was with you?

Dig In to Prayer: Talk to God about any specific hard times you know the kids in your group are facing.

Quick Tip: Sometimes when talking about hardship, if a child shares something especially difficult, other kids are hesitant to share. They may feel like their struggles aren't worth talking about in comparison with what someone else has shared. Set an environment where everyone's stories are welcome. Make sure you don't make any comments—even as a joke—that minimize a child's hard time. If you're noticing kids are having a hard time speaking up, give examples like "Has anyone ever had a hard test in school?" to get the conversation flowing again.

prayer challenge

Pray Psalm 23.
Read it and think about how God
has shown you His provision.