

# **FOLLOW THE GOOD SHEPHERD** **MEDITATION TITLES AND THEMES**

The Scriptures contain many, many references to sheep, shepherds, and the Good Shepherd and Lamb of God. Each of the 35 weekly meditations is written on one of these references. We have divided up the 35 meditations and worship folders into three sets to make it easier to access files. **Set A** includes 12 sessions that are of [general information about sheep](#). **Set B** includes 12 sessions that all correspond to [the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm](#). (By the end of these 12 sessions all the children will have memorized Psalm 23.) **Set C** (of 11 sessions) includes mostly [a discussion of sacrifice, especially the sacrifice of Jesus](#).

Feel free to mix and choose any session at any time. You need NOT follow the order that they are included on this disk set.

## **SET A**

### **1A: A SHEPHERD'S VOICE**

**THEME:** Just as sheep recognize the voice of their shepherd, so the child of God recognizes the voice of the Good Shepherd.

### **2A: SAFE INSIDE THE FOLD**

**THEME:** The fold is meant to keep sheep safe from outside dangers. Jesus watches over the sheep in his fold as does a faithful shepherd. Jesus also wants to add to his fold as many faithful sheep as possible.

### **3A: HE KNOWS WHO YOU ARE**

**THEME:** The Good Shepherd knows each sheep and lamb by name.

### **4A: SURE-FOOTED**

**THEME:** Like sure-footed sheep, we must plant our feet on Jesus, the Rock of our salvation.

### **5A: WELL, WELL, WELL**

**THEME:** Jesus is the Water of Life and he provides us with living water.

### **6A: ALL NIGHT LONG**

**THEME:** We can be confident that God never takes his eyes off of us.

### **7A: YOU HAVE BEEN COUNTED**

**THEME:** Jesus knows those who are his sheep and lambs.

### **8A: DUMB SHEEP**

**THEME:** We need the Holy Spirit to guide us and keep us in the Word.

### **9A: A SHEPHERD'S MUSIC**

**THEME:** God gave us the blessing of music so we can give praise to him.

### **10A: A SLING IN YOUR HANDS**

**THEME:** The Lord provides us with the ammunition and weapons to fight against the devil.

### **11A: CARRIED ALONG**

**THEME:** Jesus carries us close to his heart

### **12A: IT'S IN THE BAG**

**THEME:** We should always be prepared to face the attacks of Satan.

## **SET B**

### **1B: PSALM 23:1a—MY SHEPHERD**

**THEME:** We belong to the Good Shepherd.

### **2B: PSALM 23:1b—I DON'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE**

**THEME:** Jesus provides everything we need for this life and the next.

### **3B: PSALM 23:2a—SWEET REST**

**THEME:** The Good Shepherd provides rest for my soul.

### **4B: PSALM 23:2b—NO THIRST**

**THEME:** Jesus quenches my thirst with the water of his Word.

### **5B: PSALM 23:3a—HE HELPS US**

**THEME:** The Lord brings joy back into downcast hearts.

### **6B: PSALM 23:3b—HE LEADS**

**THEME:** We follow our guide, the Good Shepherd.

### **7B: PSALM 23:4a—NO NEED TO FEAR**

**THEME:** Jesus walks with us through the dark valley of death.

### **8B: PSALM 23:4b—HE PROTECTS**

**THEME:** The Lord sends his angels to protect us.

### **9B: PSALM 23:5a—HE FEEDS US**

**THEME:** Jesus prepared the table for us by becoming true man.

### **10B: PSALM 23:5b—HE PROVIDES**

**THEME:** Our Lord gives us the strength to withstand any situation, from the smallest to the largest.

### **11B: PSALM 23:6a—ALL IS WELL**

**THEME:** God's goodness will always be with us.

### **12B: PSALM 23:6b—WITH THE SHEPHERD FOREVER**

**THEME:** We will live in heaven forever with the Good Shepherd.

## **SET C**

### **1C: THE SHEPHERD'S SACRIFICE**

**THEME:** Jesus is the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for the sheep.

### **2C: SHEAR JOY**

**THEME:** Jesus' blood washes away the stain of our sins and makes us as white as snow.

### **3C: SHEEP AND GOATS**

**THEME:** The Judge will separate the sheep from the goats on the last day.

### **4C: JESUS AS LAMB AND SHEPHERD**

**THEME:** Jesus is not only the Good Shepherd who watches over his sheep, but he is also the Lamb of God who takes away all sin.

### **5C: A WOLF'S DISGUISE**

**THEME:** We should continuously be on our guard against false teachers.

## **6C: THE LAMB THAT SAVED THE PEOPLE**

**THEME:** Old Testament sacrifices pointed ahead to the perfect sacrifice of Jesus.

## **7C: THOUSANDS OF DEAD SHEEP**

**THEME:** Jesus paid the final sacrifice.

## **8C: BLOW THAT RAM'S HORN**

**THEME:** On the last day we will hear the trumpet sound.

## **9C: DO YOU KNOW THE SHEPHERD PERSONALLY?**

**THEME:** We will get to know the Good Shepherd better by reading his Word.

## **10C: SHEEPDOGS**

**THEME:** God gave us pastors and teachers to tell us about the Good Shepherd.

## **11C: HE'S SENDING US TOO**

**THEME:** As Jesus' lambs we are to go and find other sheep with whom we can share the Good News.