AUGUST 23
THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

LESSON
Introduction:
How many of you have ever been to a farm or the zoo? Have you seen the sheep that live there?

Just like us, sheep need someone to care for them and make sure they stay safe. Someone has to feed and protect them. What would happen to the sheep if these people didn't feed and protect them? (get sick, go hungry, get hurt, maybe lonely).

Today’s story will show you how people are like sheep. We need care and protection just like them. The Good Shepherd, is our protector and caretaker. God makes sure we stay safe and have everything we need.

READ: SPARK BIBLE, pg. 158
Discussion Questions:
1. How did David care for and protect his sheep?
2. How is God like a shepherd to us?
3. When did God act like a shepherd to you or someone you know?
4. Why does God always care for and protect us?
5. David knew that God loved him and was always with him. How do you know God loves you and is always with you?
6. Pretend you are a sheep. Do you think it would be easy or hard to follow your shepherd? Do you think it is easy or hard to follow God?

APPLICATION
Just like David, the shepherd, God is always with us to protect us and take care of us. God loves us very much. We can praise God and thank Him in many ways – through prayer, showing love to others and by singing songs of praise, like David.

PRAYER
Dear God,
We thank you for people like King David who spread the glory of your name through song. Help us to sing your praises to everyone we meet and remember you in our daily lives.
Amen

ACTIVITY – Doily Sheep
Supplies needed:
- Glue
- Scissors
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HOME THIS WEEK

What We Learned:

Today we read the story of The Good Shepherd in the book of Psalms. No one really knows who wrote the psalms in the Bible. Many of them, including Psalm 23, are attributed to David, a great king of the Hebrew people who ruled around the year 1000 BCE. Regardless of who wrote them, the Psalms have given hope and comfort to God’s people for thousands of years!

Bible Lesson:

Read Psalm 23: 1-6
Reread Psalm 23:4. Discuss a difficult time in your life when you felt God protecting you.

Suggested Parent/Child Activity:

Make a list of ways God protects you and post that list at home where you’ll see it every day. Add to the list as you see more signs of God’s protection in your daily life.

Daily Prayer:

Dear God,
Great protector and creator, thank you for caring for us.
We are like little lambs that need your protection.
As I go out into the world this week, shepherd me, oh God. (bah, bah, thank you Lord!)
Thank you for the ability to share your word with my friends and family.
Shepherd me, oh God. (bah, bah, thank you Lord!)
Help me always to find strength and comfort in your word.
Shepherd me, oh God. (bah, bah, thank you Lord!)
Amen.
ACTIVITY – Doily Sheep

Instructions:

1. Take you piece of black paper and cut out the following shapes:
   - 2 rectangles for the legs
   - 2 small ovals for the ears
   - 1 medium circle for the head

2. Glue the black shapes onto the doily to create your sheep

3. Glue two googly eyes to the face
Pharaoh's daughter raised Moses as her own son.

Match the pictures below.

The Birth of Moses
A Hebrew woman hid her baby from the Egyptians.

Connect the dots.
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P
She placed her baby in a basket and set him in the Nile.

Follow the maze to the River Nile.

A B C D E F G H

Pharaoh's daughter found the baby. She called him Moses. What does the name "Moses" mean?

Use the code below to fill in the missing letters.

1 = O  2 = R  3 = A
4 = T  5 = N

D_ _ _ W _
2 3 5

_ UT _ F
1 1

_ HE W _ _ E _
4 3 4 2
Then what happened?

Find the underlined words in the word search below.

Then she got Moses’ mother to nurse the baby, and payed her for it. When the child grew older, Moses’ mother took him to the Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son.

The Birth of Moses

A new king came to power in Egypt. He feared that the Israelites were becoming too numerous. What order did he give?

Write the word for each picture, then transfer the letters to the lines below.
Moses was born during that dangerous time. What did his mother do to protect him?

Connect the dots and write the letters in order on the lines below.

What happened next?

For each letter given, write the letter that comes before it. A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

U I F Q I B S B P I T T
E B V H I U F S
G P V O E U I F
C B C Z I F X B T
D S Z J O H B O E
T I F G F M U
T P S S Z G P S I J N
She said, "__________ __________ ____________
__________ __________ ____________
__________ __________ ____________
__________ __________ ____________
__________ __________ ____________
The Lord Is My Shepherd

David wrote a song to tell everyone God is like a shepherd.
They ran, played, jumped, and kicked up their heels.