



## Weekly Family Worship

April 17, 2016

- Know:** Scripture likens God to a shepherd because He provides for, leads, protects, and rescues His people.
- Think:** Realize that we have deep needs. God alone can meet these needs through our relationship with Him as our Shepherd.
- Do:** Trust our Shepherd to lead and provide for you. Follow His example of compassionate, nurturing, selfless care for others.

### Read—Ezekiel 34:1-31.

A competent shepherd works hard to take care of the needs of his flock, from finding lost sheep to providing protection and food. God is the Great Shepherd to us.

### Worship — Praise to God.

**All the Way My Savoir Leads Me—Chris Tomlin**

You may go to YouTube.com, use a CD, or choose a different song.

### Do—Walk With God

**Option 1:** Explain to your child that like sheep wander from their shepherd, we tend to stray from God, whether we mean to or not. God takes the time to seek us out and save us, and once we get back to Him, He makes sure we have abundant protection, food, and rest. Play Hide and Seek with your children and explain to them that God seeks us out when we try to hide from him. Then play Follow the Leader with your children. Explain that God is our leader/Shepherd, and He will lead us down the best path.

**Option 2:** Find and display a picture or drawing of an ancient sheepfold or pen. (See [bit.ly/sheepfold-images](http://bit.ly/sheepfold-images) for examples.) Explain that shepherds would herd the sheep into the fenced or rock walled pen at night, and often sleep in front of the entrance to protect the sheep from predators. Comment on the need for “boundaries” in our lives. How are boundaries good for us? What kind of borders or boundaries do we need to protect us from dangers that would harm us spiritually or emotionally?

### Pray—Talk to God

Cry out to God when facing difficulty, trusting Him to get us through. Pray that you and your family will learn to completely rely on God to get you through difficult times because He knows what is best for us and protects us.

#### **Pray for the Unreached...**

*Country:* India

*People:* Kapu

*Main Religion:* Hinduism

***Declare his glory among the nations. Psalm 96:3***

### Memorize — Meditate on God.

**Isaiah 45:5** —I am Yahweh, and there is no other; there is no God but Me. I will strengthen you, though you do not know Me,

## This week in Sunday School...

### Preschool

Today your child learned Good Shepherd is a name of God. A shepherd takes care of his sheep by protecting and caring for them. Sheep follow their shepherd because they know he watches out for them. God is our Shepherd, and we are His sheep. God Has Many Names and I can remember God is my Good Shepherd.

### Elementary

Your student learned another name for God is Shepherd. God is our Shepherd, and we are His sheep. A shepherd’s job is to provide and care for his sheep. He always protects his sheep. God does those things for us. Sheep know to follow their shepherd, because he will always lead them the right way. He or she learned God does the same for us, and we are to follow the guiding of our Shepherd.

### Youth

Teens studied the relationship between sheep and their shepherd and how God fulfills the role of Shepherd in our lives. Talk with your teens about ways you have seen God guide and provide for you in your life.

#### How Should We Pray for Unreached People Groups? Pray these same prayers for our City, County, State and Nation.

- **Pray for great outpouring of God’s Spirit on the people group bringing conviction of sin!**
- **Pray for clear, biblical dreams and visions and revelations of Jesus drawing people to Him!**
- **Pray for powerful signs and wonders of healing, deliverance and miracles!**
- **Pray for great revival on the Church to cleanse, empower and send them out to the lost!**
- **Pray that God will send more workers into His harvest in obedience to Luke 10:2!**
- **Pray for great people movements to Christ and Church Planting Movements!**
- **Pray that new converts will be biblically discipled and will grow in Jesus!**

**For a monthly prayer calendar visit: [JoshuaProject.net](http://JoshuaProject.net)**