

JESUS: THE LAMB OF GOD

Before Jesus came along, if someone did something wrong, they would show they were sorry by bringing an animal, usually a lamb, to a priest who would put the lamb on an altar and say something like this, "You have sinned, but God has allowed this lamb to die in your place so you can be forgiven." And then the priest would kill the lamb.

The blood of the lamb would be the payment for the things one had done wrong. Why? **God loves us and wants us to be forgiven,** and blood represents life. The

life of the blood covers our bad behavior, which is like death because it separates us from God. God doesn't want us to be apart from him!

So, when Jesus came along, he was considered the last, perfect lamb of God. When he died and his blood was spilled, it was for all people and all times. Now, we don't have to use lambs anymore because Jesus, **"the Lamb of God,"** covers **our wrongdoing** and patches things up between us and God.



Let's Play! Count how many times you find me (the FLOCK Shepherd) in this issue of **FLOCK Magazine**. Look closely, I can be any color! (Answer on back page.)



ANAGRAMS

An anagram is a word puzzle. Below are real words, but the letters are jumbled up! Re-arrange the letters to form real words and solve the puzzle. (Hint: Psalm 23)

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ord		eergn
ebtal	ftsfa	lofwol
yevall	dorl	recym

WORD BANK | mercy comfort rod valley green
psalm staff lord follow table

Photo Scavenger Hunt

Let's go on a scavenger hunt together! Take a picture or a selfie with some of these 23 items (can you find them all?):

- dandelions leaves the number 23 candy
- pair of socks shirt stack of books something green
- cup path table oil house rod or staff bible
- musical instrument animal vegetable cloud
- bubbles feet cross pasture

Send your photos in to Erik Carlson 619 Broadway, Fargo or email them to ecarlson@flcfargo.org

Crossword Puzzle

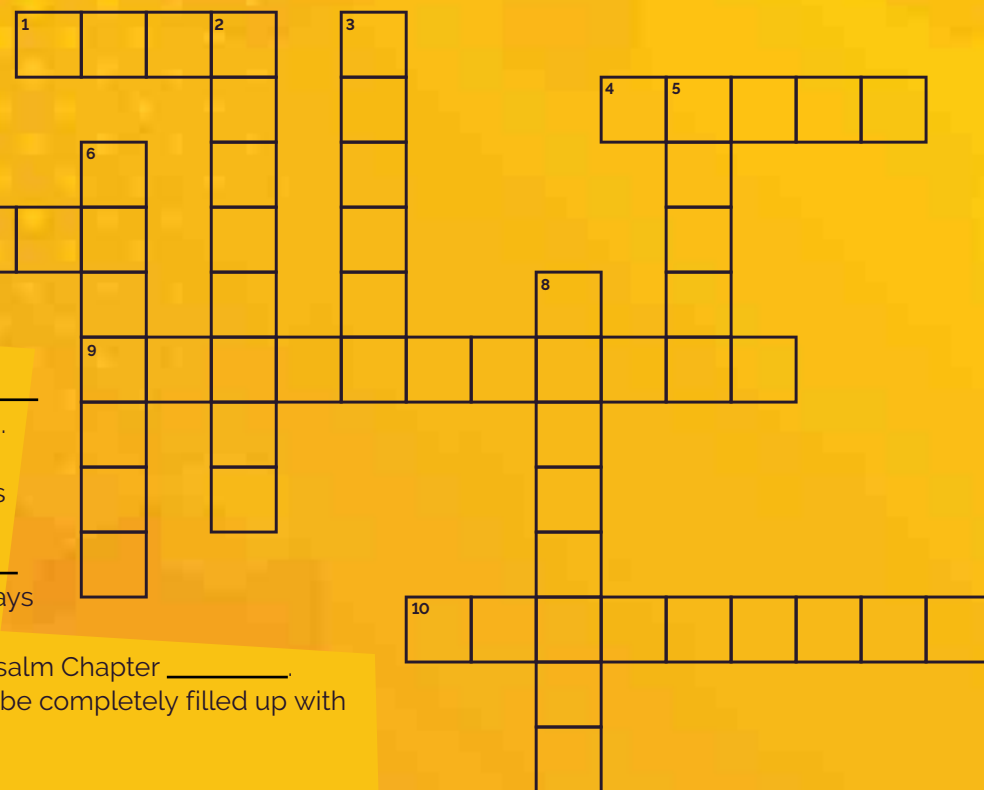


ACROSS

1. David became _____ after he was a shepherd.
4. In Psalm 23, David compares himself to this animal.
7. David doesn't _____ evil because God is always with him.
9. This lesson is about Psalm Chapter _____.
10. To feel blessed or to be completely filled up with God's love.

DOWN

2. Surely, _____, and mercy will follow me all the days of my life.
3. This is done in a ceremony by pouring oil on someone.
5. David talked about living in God's _____ forever.
6. The shepherd's main job is to do this for his sheep.
8. David used this job to describe how caring God is.



WORD BANK

HOUSE	TWENTYTHREE
FEAR	SHEEP
ANOINT	SHEPHERD
OVERFLOWS	PROTECT
KING	GOODNESS

P W S H E P H E R D
K R A O L O R D C F
P N E T U Z H P O H
L A L S E L A J M T
U O S D E R D Y F A
G O P T I N C I O B
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Word Search



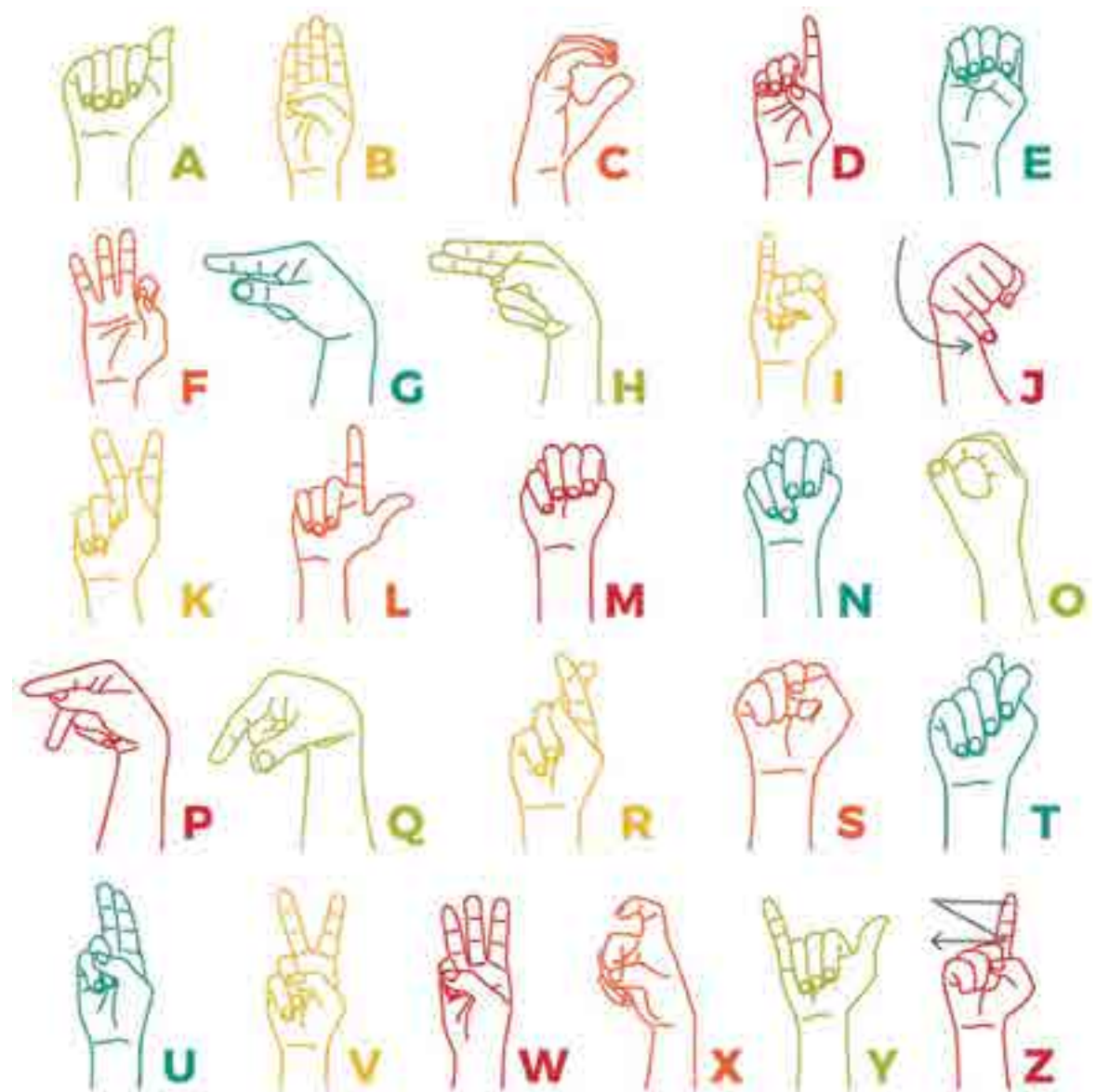
WORD BANK

PRESENCE	SHEPHERD
LORD	SOUL
MERCY	WATER
COMFORTS	TABLE
PASTURE	VALLEY

Learn American Sign Language (ASL)

ASL is an American language comprised of hand signals and gestures. It is used by people who are deaf, as well as others in order to talk and communicate.

Can you memorize how to spell "**SHEPHERD**" in sign language? What other words from Psalm 23 can you sign? Use the previous page for ideas.



 **Go above and beyond!**

Learn the entire Psalm in ASL by visiting flcfargo.org and click the link to watch the sign language tutorial.

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Images of God

In Psalm 23 God describes himself as a shepherd. God gives us an image—a picture or thought of what he is like. Like a shepherd for his sheep, God protects us and gives us what we need.

There are many places in the Bible that God gives us an image of who He is.

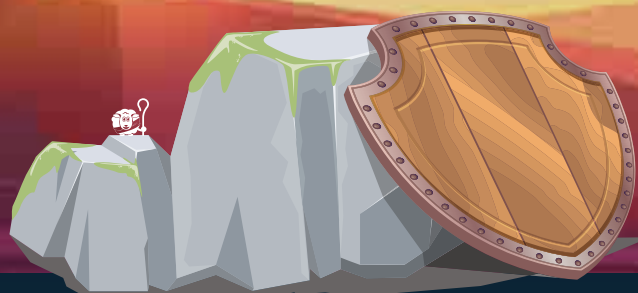
And Jesus spoke to them saying, “**I am the Light of the world.** Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” John 8:12

“**I am the vine** you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

“Do not be afraid Abram, **I am your shield**, your reward shall be great.” Genesis 5:1

“There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no **Rock like our God.**” 1 Samuel 2:2

What is your image of God? What do you think of when you think of God?



Shepherd's Pie Recipe

INGREDIENTS

FOR POTATOES

1 1/2 lb. potatoes, peeled
Kosher salt
4 tbsp. butter, melted
1/4 c. milk
1/4 c. sour cream
Black pepper, freshly ground

FOR BEEF MIXTURE

1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 large onion, chopped
2 carrots, peeled and chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp. fresh thyme
1 1/2 lb. ground beef
1 c. frozen peas
1 c. frozen corn
2 tbsp. all-purpose flour
2/3 c. low-sodium chicken broth
1 tbsp. parsley, for garnish
Worcestershire sauce, optional

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 400°. Make mashed potatoes: In a large pot, cover potatoes with water and add a generous pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and cook until totally soft, 16 to 18 minutes. Drain and return to pot.

2. Mash potatoes until smooth. Add melted butter, milk, and sour cream. Mash until fully incorporated, and season with salt, pepper. Set aside.

3. Make beef mixture: In a large, ovenproof skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion, carrots, garlic, and thyme and cook until fragrant and softened, 5 minutes. Add ground beef and cook until no longer pink, 5 minutes more. Drain fat.

4. Stir in frozen peas and corn and cook until warmed through, 3 minutes more. Season with salt and pepper (& Worcestershire sauce as desired).

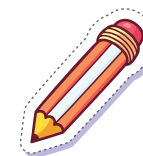
5. Sprinkle meat with flour and stir to evenly distribute. Cook 1 minute more and add chicken broth. Bring to a simmer and let mixture thicken slightly, 5 minutes.

6. Top beef mixture with an even layer of mashed potatoes and bake until there is very little liquid visible and mashed potatoes are golden, about 20 minutes. Broil if desired.

7. Garnish with parsley before serving.



Draw Your Table



In Psalm 23:5 David is talking to God and says - “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies...My cup overflows.”

This means **God has set the table**, full of amazing food, drinks, and beautiful things for David, his friends, AND his enemies to enjoy.

Your turn: When God prepares your table, what will be served? What is your favorite food? Will there be things other than food?

Send us drawings of your table and favorite foods. It could be in our next issue! Email Marlee: mrobertson@flcfargo.org, OR mail to:

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- » Passing on the Gift
- » Education and Training
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- » Self-Reliance
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- » Fertilizer

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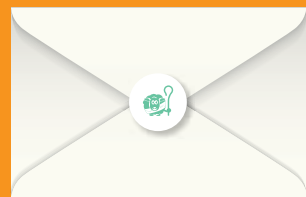
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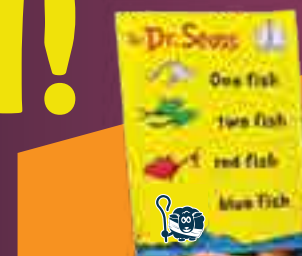


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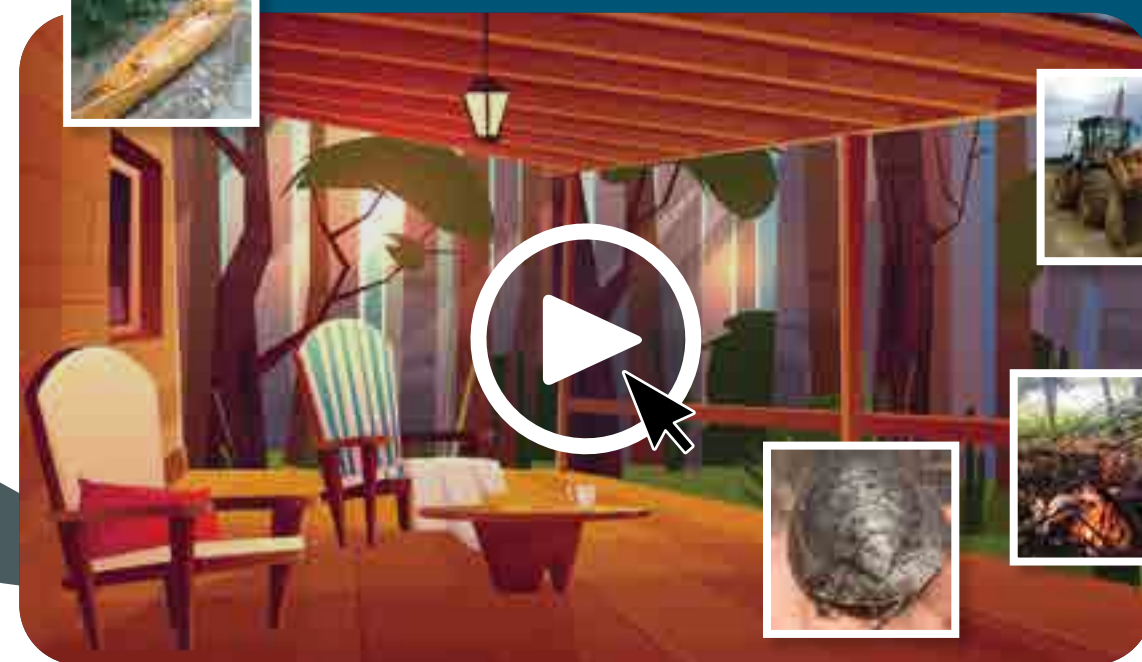
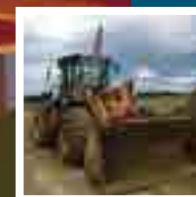
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COMING SOON:

Mr. Rollie's Neighborhood

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#2

The Lord is my _____

- a. Sheep
- b. Shepherd
- c. Stream
- d. All of the above

#3

A Shepherd's job is

- a. To protect the sheep
- b. To lose the sheep
- c. To make sure the sheep get dirty and stinky
- d. All of the above

#4

Sheep provide

- a. Honey
- b. Cotton
- c. Wool
- d. All of the above

#5

The right way to pray is

- a. Alone
- b. With others
- c. Silently
- d. All of the above

#1

The book of Psalms is in

- a. Old Testament
- b. New Testament
- c. Middle Testament
- d. All of the Above

#6

Pastor Stephanie named her sheep

- a. Timmy
- b. Tommy
- c. Tina
- d. Gary

#7

David was the King of

- a. Saul
- b. Bethlehem
- c. Israel
- d. China

#8

The person who was king before David was

- a. Saul
- b. Paul
- c. Samuel
- d. Mary

#9

What is a Psalm?

- a. Tree
- b. Song
- c. Musical instrument
- d. Sheep

#10

Jesus is sometimes called

- a. The Lamb of God
- b. The Light of the World
- c. The Vine
- d. All of the above

#11

God sets a table full of good food. Who is invited?

- a. David
- b. David's friends
- c. David's enemies
- d. All of the above

#12

What was a shepherd's staff used for

- a. To Play fetch
- b. Guide the sheep
- c. Play air guitar
- d. All of the above

BIBLE QUIZ TIME!

Read through FLOCK Magazine,
and take this quiz to see what
you remember!

Answer to the best of your
ability, then check the key
on the back page.



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Is your family ready to come back to church?

Please return to in-person church and classes only when you feel comfortable.
Here is our new worship schedule for in-person Kids at First classes:

SUNDAYS
9 & 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS
6 p.m.

Come to worship with your parents. When the children's message is over, kids
ages 3 through Grade 4 will be dismissed to follow the teachers to class.

Total FLOCK Shepherd count: 16
Bible Quiz Answers: #1:a.; #2:b.; #3:a.; #4:c.; #5:d.; #6:a.; #7:c.; #8:a.; #9:b.; #10:d.; #11:d.; #12:b