



The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

## *Bible Study:*



Read the accompanying set of verses that describe us as sheep and God (Jesus) as the good shepherd. Contemplate how we are like sheep who are completely dependent upon God. Consider also, how David recognized that his core purpose in life was to worship God.

## *The gospel in the story:*



The Psalms written by David point to a savior, which is good news for a people who need saving. Jesus tells us, "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." John 10:11

## *Application*

### *Head:* **What did we learn?**

Q: Who is David? A: Jesse's youngest son.

Q: What is David's job? A: Shepherd.

Q: What are sheep like? A: Vulnerable, completely dependent

Q: How was David's shepherding a picture of the way God cares for us? A: He provided and protected them

Q: What was David's response to God? A: To worship Him – David was called "a man after God's own heart."

### *Heart :* **Memory verse**

**"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."**

**Psalms 23:1**

### *Hands:* **How does this affect the way I live?**

David understood clearly our relationship to God; we are like sheep completely dependent upon the Shepherd. When we come to that place of really understanding our total dependence upon Him, there's really nothing else to do but worship Him, which is what we were created to do!

### *Home:* **How does this affect my household?**

Parents act as undershepherds to Jesus, and seek to shepherd their children to Him. Our primary goal is to model and live out the marks of Jesus' leadership: humble spirit of dependence and a joyful heart of worship.

### *Heaven:* **How does this help us share our faith?**

As a community of believers, we want to help our neighbors understand that we aren't pursuing a lifestyle, or a set of rules. We are pursuing the one who has provided for all our needs, and we respond with worship, and outwardly, that worship looks like the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)