

Psalm 23 Shepherd or Wolf?

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LIFE LESSON: I will follow my Shepherd.



Choices

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for us and keeps us safe. In contrast, “a wolf in sheep’s clothing” is a phrase used to describe a tricky enemy who appears to be good.

We make our own choices, but it is important to listen to Jesus and follow Him. If we follow our Good Shepherd, we will avoid tricky enemies and dangerous choices. Read the dilemmas below and answer the questions.



Dilemma 1

Titus struggles with writing essays for his communication arts class. His parents said he must bring his grade up or he will not be able to participate in the after-school gym nights or play games with his friends. Titus knows God’s instructions about honesty, but two friends told Titus he could copy essays from the internet to bring his grades up.

Should Titus follow God’s instructions or listen to his friends?

Dilemma 2

One day Jada stayed after school to help her friend with math. When her friend got up to leave, something caught her eye. A twenty-dollar bill had fallen out of her friend’s pocket. Jada picked it up and looked around. Her friend had not noticed. Jada thought about keeping the money, imagining all the things she could buy with it, but then a little voice seemed to tug at her thoughts. Jada hurried to catch her friend to return the money.

How did the Good Shepherd give Jada instructions?

Dilemma 3

One Saturday morning, a group of friends bounced on a trampoline. As they talked about school, the conversation changed. Several girls said mean, hurtful words and laughed about a new student at school. Maria jumped off the trampoline. She didn’t want to join the conversation, but she also didn’t say anything because she was afraid the girls would refuse to hang out with her. Maria ignored their words, but still decided to get back on the trampoline.

Did Maria follow the Good Shepherd completely? Why or why not?

Dilemma 4

A new boy joined Alex’s class. During recess, Alex noticed the boy was playing alone. Alex told his friends he wanted to invite the boy to play with them. His friends weren’t thrilled. Alex decided to do it anyway. It turned out the friends liked the new boy.

How do you know Alex followed the Good Shepherd?

Word Bogglers

See Psalm 23 for clues to the puzzles.

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Psalm 23:2 _____

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Psalm 23:2 _____

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Psalm 23:4 _____

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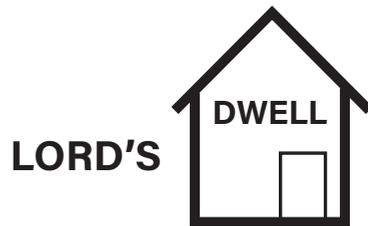
Psalm 23:4 _____



Psalm 23:5 _____

GOODNESS
MERCY → ME

Psalm 23:6 _____



Psalm 23:6 _____

SERIES 3 Memory Verses

“My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise. Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early. I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations. For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth” (Psalm 57:7–11).