

God is with me



Bible verses:
Psalm 23:1



Aim:
To continue looking at Psalm 23,
focusing on God's provision



Today's fruit:
Peace

Resource: *Sheep shape* handout



Memory verse

**'Surely your goodness and love will be
with me all my life.
And I will live in the house of the Lord for
ever.'**

(Psalm 23:6 *ICB*)



Start it

Today we are going to explore a special song
in the Bible about a shepherd.

You may wish to have a toy sheep with you
in this session.



Share it

Share a child-friendly version of Psalm 23:1
(eg Biblegateway.com *ERV/EASY*).

Sit in a circle and ask the group to share
together:

- 'I want ... I want ... I want ...' Have you ever gone shopping with an adult and seen something you wanted? Did you get it? Or was the answer no?

- If the answer was no, what might have been the reason?
- Sometimes the reason can be, 'You *want* it, you don't *need* it.'
- What does that mean?
- What kind of things do we need?
- What do we need for our bodies to be healthy?
- What do we need for our minds?
- What do we need to be happy?
- What's more important – the things we *want* or the things we *need*? Why?

Remind the children that:

- Last week we talked about our favourite songs.
- A special song in the Bible is called a psalm.
- We looked at a psalm that was written by someone called David.

Draw a sheep in the middle of a big piece of paper and ask the group to discuss or draw on the sheep the things they think the sheep needs. This could be done individually or in small groups. Ask them about what they've drawn, and why. Have they included a shepherd?

David, who wrote this psalm, was a king. But he wasn't always a king; when he was young, he was a shepherd. It was his job to look after the sheep and give them everything they needed. And that's how he felt about God – that God gives us everything we need.

Sing It

'Psalm 23 song' by Kids on the Move (2:26)

'Wonderful Lord' (official video) by Doug Horley (3:13)

Action it

Games and activities to reinforce the Bible passage:

- Ask the children to draw a picture of themselves, or just their names, and add the things they feel they need. Use them to pray with, thanking God for his provision.
- Play *What's the time, Mr Wolf?* with a prop sheep, with one person protecting the sheep and the others trying to creep up on them.
- Play *Follow the leader* – like sheep following a shepherd.
- Use the sheep template to decorate with different materials, making their sheep individual – it could reflect them and what they like. They can be added to a craft activity in the next session.