

**Kidz World's
Church at Home
SING! - God Watches Over Me!**

FUN TIME: Collecting Sheep

INSTRUCTIONS: We are continuing our series called, "Sing!" God is so good to us and we should always sing songs about Him. Remember, we call these songs, "praise." Praise shows how thankful we are for everything God has done. We're going to play a game with some pretend sheep.

For this activity, spread out a bunch of cotton balls on the floor. Split the family into teams, and give each team a small bucket and a pair of chopsticks or two pencils. Their job is to collect as many cotton ball "sheep" into their buckets as they can in 30 seconds (adjust time according to age). Whoever has the most in their bucket wins!

BIBLE TIME: Today's Bible story is all about sheep and the person who takes care of them. That person is called a Shepherd. Before David became King, he was a shepherd. He knows a thing or two about taking care of sheep. He wrote this Psalm, so let's pay close attention to what he has to say about the Shepherd.

READ: Psalm 23

Familiarize yourself with the Bible passage and summarize it for your younger children. Read it with older children. For toddlers and preschoolers, simply share the answers to these questions with them as you summarize the Bible story. Keep it short and sweet for them 😊.

1. According to Psalm 23, who is the Shepherd?
2. Who are the sheep?
3. Name a few things the Shepherd does for the sheep.
4. Since God is our Shepherd, what should we do when we need something? What should we do when we're afraid?

REAL TIME: Psalm 23 has a lot to say about how God takes care of us. It's important to remember what He has promised. Let's make a 'Jar of Promises' to remind us of how much God loves us and how He watches over us. We'll see that they are all something to sing about!

INSTRUCTIONS: Give each child a copy of the printable sheet from the website and a jar or bowl. Have them cut out each promise and glue the cotton balls from the 'Fun Time' activity above to the blank side of the sheep. Then, look up one of the verses and read it aloud as a family (*or you can read it for the little ones*). Have them put all their promises into their jar.

PRAYER TIME: Dear God, thank You for promising to be our Good Shepherd. Help us to turn to You when we aren't feeling so great in our hearts, like when we are worried or scared or stressed or angry. We know we are safe and can enjoy your peace because you watch over us. In Jesus' Name, amen.

“...I will fear no evil for You are with me..”

Psalm 23:4 (KJV)