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Level 3—Parent Notes

- ⇒ **Daily Journal:** Each day read the Scripture and discuss what it means. Then read the poem and have the child answer questions about it from the *Daily Reading Questions*. Include personal ideas and additional questions. Under the daily poem have the child draw a picture related to the content or write a sentence about what it means.
- ⇒ **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week's big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and repeat the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- ⇒ **Concluding Lesson:** Complete the activities under the *Concluding Lesson*. In the booklet.
- ⇒ **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- ⇒ **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deeds and statutes of the Lord isn't always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.* NIV



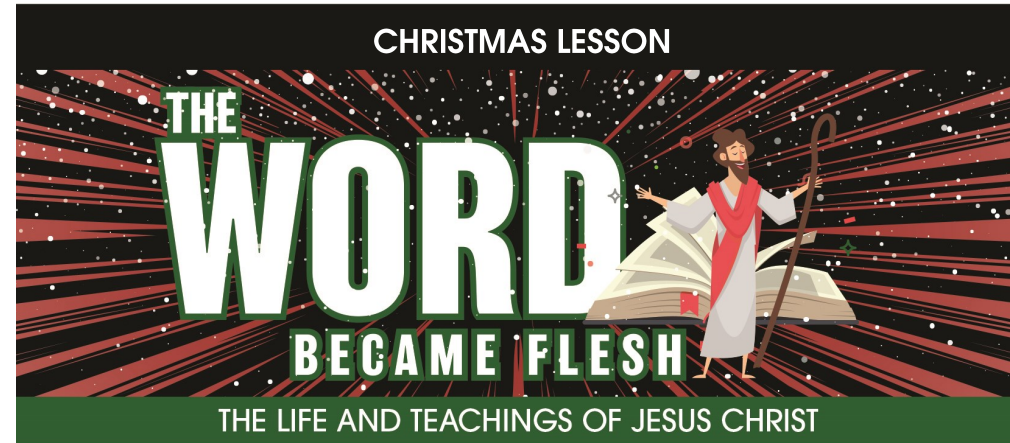
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LOWER ELEMENTARY LEVEL 3 WORK BOOKLET



THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

.What does the Good Shepherd do for his sheep?

Our Good Shepherd protects and provides for us.

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 23

¹*(The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,³ he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.)⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

⁵*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

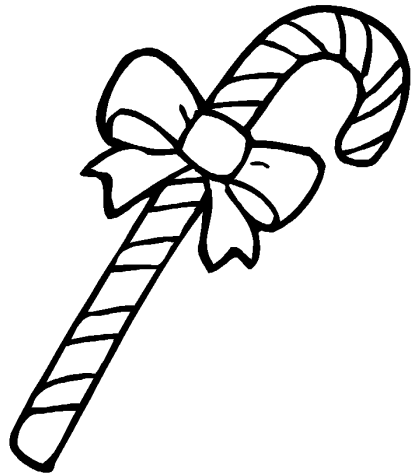
⁶*Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

Lesson Notes

Lesson Passage: John 10:11-16; Psalm 23

What did you learn from this lesson?

How can you put into practice what you learned?



Christmas Daily Reading Questions

Day 1: How are people like sheep? What does that mean? What does a shepherd do for his sheep?

Day 2: What did God promise the people of Israel? What would that shepherd do for his people? Who is the Good Shepherd God promised?

Day 3: As our Good Shepherd what does Jesus want to do for us?

Day 4: What will we do if we are faithful sheep? Where will our Good Shepherd lead us?

Day 5: What will our Good Shepherd do for us because he loves us? What will happen if we follow him?

Day 6: What should the candy cane at Christmas remind us of?

Concluding Lesson

Review: How are people like sheep? What does a shepherd do for his sheep? As our Good Shepherd what does Jesus want to do for us? What should the candy cane at Christmas remind us of?

Prayer: Thank Jesus for being your Good Shepherd and leading you along God's path. Pray that you would listen to his voice and follow him.

Application: Share a candy cane with a friend or neighbor and tell them about Jesus being our Good Shepherd.

Thinking It Through: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

CHRISTMAS DAILY JOURNAL — How is Jesus our Good Shepherd?

Day 1— 1 Peter 2:25

All people are like sheep,
they are easily led astray.
That's why they need a shepherd
to follow and obey.
We shouldn't be dumb sheep,
and choose to do what's wrong.
We must trust a loving shepherd
to encourage us along.

Day 2—Matthew 2:6

A shepherd long was promised
to God's people, Is-ra-el.
To guide them on God's path of life,
and save them out of hell.
When God's Son came to earth,
the promise was fulfilled.
People have a shepherd
if to Christ their heart they yield.

Day 3—Isaiah 40:11

Our shepherd wants to keep us safe,
underneath his arm.
He wants to give abundant life,
and keep us out of harm.
He wants to guide our steps
in the way of truth and light.
Good sheep will follow after him,
and choose to do what's right.

Day 4—John 10:27-28

If we are faithful sheep,
we will hear our shepherd's voice.
To follow and stay close to him
will be our daily choice.
To green pastures he will lead us,
where we can learn and grow.
We just have to listen to him;
his voice we have to know.

Day 5—John 10:14-15

At Christmas we remember
the gift from God above.
He sent his promised shepherd
to the people he does love.
Our Shepherd gave his life for us,
so we can live with him.
And when we follow Jesus,
eternal life we enter in.

Day 6—Hebrews 13:20-21

The candy cane reminds us;
our good Shepherd came to save.
Because of his great love for us,
his life he freely gave.
We can trust in Jesus;
the Shepherd God did send.
It's so good to know that Jesus
is our shepherd and our friend.