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Level 4—Parent Notes

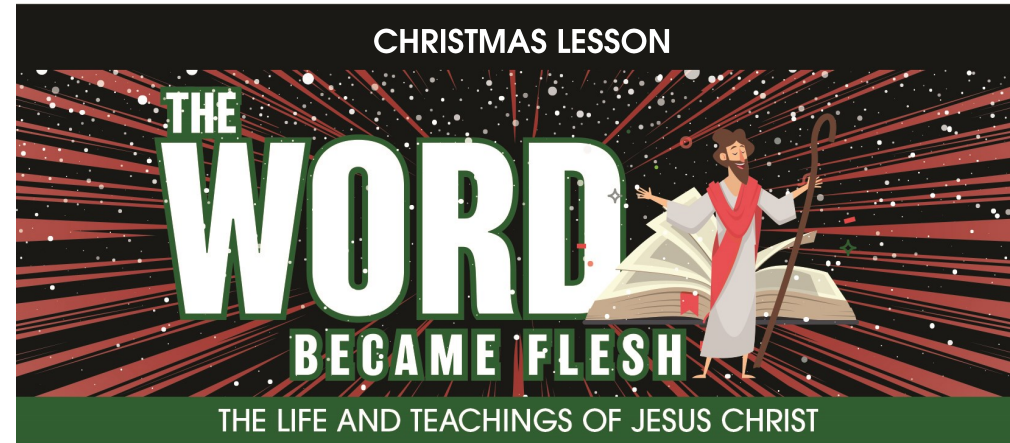
- ⇒ **Daily Journal:** Depending on the age, ability, or parent preference, the student may do the journal independently or complete it with the parent. After reading the day's Bible passage, the student should identify an important truth that relates to that reading and answer the question why he/she needs to know that truth. It would be beneficial if the parent and student also read through and answer the questions from the *Daily Reading Questions*.
- ⇒ **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 recite the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory.
- ⇒ **Concluding Lesson:** To develop deeper understanding and a comprehensive biblical worldview, the parent should talk through with the student the *Thinking It Through* questions and then have the student write out the answers. The student can also complete the *Further Understanding* activity if not completed during the Sunday Club time..
- ⇒ **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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UPPER ELEMENTARY & ABOVE LEVEL 4 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

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.²He makes me to lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside the still waters,³ he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴Yea 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.

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

⁶Surely goodness and mercy 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

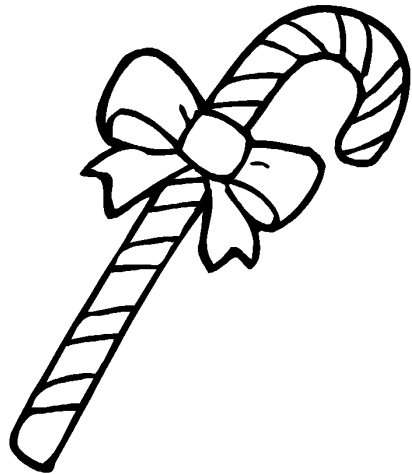
Theme:

Point 1:

Point 2:

Point 3:

Why do you need to know this?



Christmas Daily Reading Questions

Note: The questions were written from the wording in the NIV 1984. If you are using a different Bible translation, they may have to be adapted.

Journal Focus: What does our shepherd do for us?

Reading 1: Psalm 100:1-5 Our shepherd made us.

Why can we worship the Lord with gladness?

Reading 2: Psalm 28:6-9 Our shepherd hears our cries.

Why can we praise the Lord?

Reading 3: Psalm 80:1-3 Our shepherd restores us.

How does our shepherd restore us?

Reading 4: Isaiah 40:9-11 Our shepherd keep us close to his heart.

Why does our shepherd keep us close to his heart?

Reading 5: Ezekiel 34:11-16 Our shepherd seeks after us.

Why does our shepherd seek after us?

Reading 6: Revelation 7:9-17 Our shepherd will lead us to springs of living water.

What will our shepherd do for us? Why is he able to do that?

Concluding Lesson—Thinking It Through

Discuss these questions with a parent then write out your answers below.

- What is an important truth you learned from the Bible readings this week?
- How should that truth be lived out in your life?
- What would be the result of your living out that truth?
- What is a lie or deception people believe in terms of that truth?
- Why does that lie or deception appeal to people?
- What would be the result of believing and following that lie or deception?

Activity

Match the right “P” word with the section of Psalm 23: piety, promises, peace, provision, privileged position, protection.

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CHRISTMAS DAILY JOURNAL — What does our shepherd do for us?

Day 1—Psalm 100:1-5

What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

Day 2—Psalm 28:6-9

What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

Day 3— Psalm 80:1-3

What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

Day 4—Isaiah 40:9-11

What is an important truth from the passage?

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Day 5—Ezekiel 34:11-16

What is an important truth from the passage?

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Day 6—Revelation 7:9-17

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