

Psalm 23 Shepherd's Staff

There are many beautiful Psalms. Perhaps one of the most well known is Psalm 23, "The Divine Shepherd" or "A Psalm of David." In this Psalm, King David is referring to himself as a sheep in the care of Jesus Christ. Psalm 23 is often read when a person is going through a difficult time to be reminded that God is always with them. Psalm 23 reads,

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
 he makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters;
 he restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
 for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I fear no evil;
for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff,
 they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
 in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil,
 my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



MATERIALS:

- Brown construction paper (or large brown grocery bags)
- 5 different colors of Construction paper
- Template (*to follow - there are different versions depending on your age group*)
- Scissors
- Glue

PREPARATION:


- **For younger students**, cutout a staff for each child from brown construction paper.
- **For older students**, using Template, cutout shapes from different colored construction paper

DIRECTIONS:

- **Younger Students**
 1. Print a copy of Template for each student.
 2. Instruct students to color each shape (*as shown to right*). Cut out.
 3. Give each student a Brown construction paper staff. Glue shapes in order onto staff.
- **Older Students:**
 1. Give students each of the 5 shapes you cutout from colored construction paper.
 2. Have students write/copy the words to Psalm 23 on each shape.
 3. Give each student a piece of Brown construction paper or a large brown grocery bag. Instruct them to cutout a large Staff. Glue shapes in correct order onto staff.



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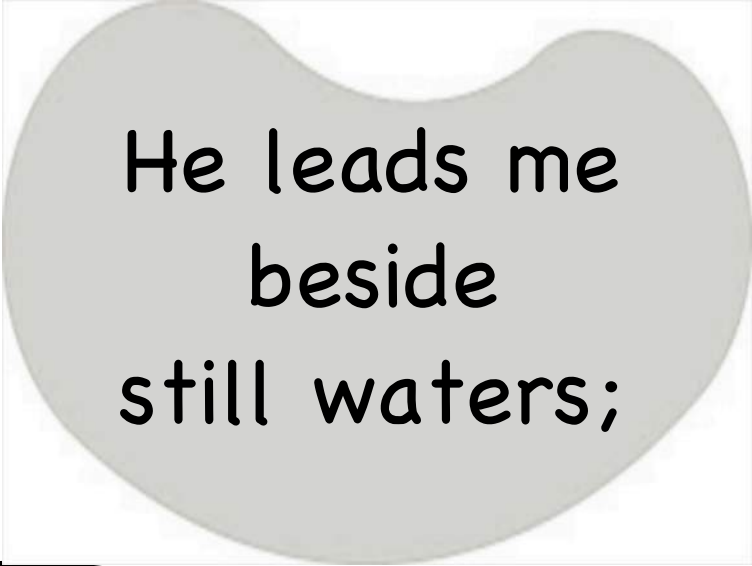
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