

Parent Packet
 Sunday, June 7th 2020

Main Idea	The Lord is my shepherd. He blesses me. He is with me.
Scripture	Psalm 23: 5-6
This Month's Memory Verse	<i>"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.</i> <u>Around the Circle:</u> have family members form a circle. Each person says one word of the verse, around and around the circle. See how fast it can go.
Activity	<u>Tour around the house:</u> take a tour of your house together, naming all of the blessings you see. Then try to name the blessings you can't see.
Craft	<u>Gratitude collection:</u> have kids write or draw blessings from God onto post-its or index cards or small slips of paper. They can stick them onto a larger paper to see them all together and realize all the blessings they have.
Service	Helping Hand: what do Mom and Dad need help with today? What can you do to lend a helping hand around the house?
Prayer	Dear God, thank You for all the things You bless us with- the things we can see and the things we can't see. Thank You most of all for being with us. Forgive us for not noticing the blessings. Help us to be thankful.
Catechism	Question #49: Where is Christ now? Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

This Week's Story

Kindergarten-Third grade

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One night at dinner, Dad asked the family to share what they were thankful for. Penny had an answer right away. "I'm thankful for my home, my food, my clean water, air conditioning, my friends, and my family." Parker couldn't think of much. "I guess I'm thankful for . . . Minecraft," he said. Penny had a lot of blessings to be thankful for, but they were all blessings you can see. Parker was having a hard time seeing his blessings. Dad read from Psalm 23 . . .

(Read verses 5-6)

This means that God blesses us, and that He is always with us. He has blessed us with many wonderful things on this earth. It is important to recognize our blessings- big and small- to have a thankful heart to see them. But the most important thing to remember is that even if all of those things disappear- if they're all taken away, we would still have blessings you can't see like salvation and God's peace, hope, and comfort. Even if we lose all our earthly blessings, we have the blessing of God's presence. He is with us, and that is the greatest blessing of all.

So what . . .

does this story teach us about Jesus?

do you like about this story?

is weird about this story?

can we learn from this story about our lives today?

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Fourth grade plus

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1. What earthly blessings are you grateful for?
2. What heavenly blessings would you still have if all your earthly blessings disappeared?

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Preschool

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