

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

**VBS 2021 JESUS, OUR GOOD SHEPHERD**

<b>THEME: Jesus is my Good Shepherd</b>		<b>THEME VERSE: Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." John 10:11</b>			
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Daily Theme</b>	Provision	Forgiveness	Presence	Sacrifice	An Eternal Home
<b>Bible Text</b>	<p>Psalm 23:1-2 <i>The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; green pastures, still waters.</i></p> <p>John 10:1-18 <i>Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd".</i></p>	<p>Psalm 23:3 <i>He restores my soul; He leads me on paths of righteousness.</i></p> <p>Luke 19:1-10 <i>Jesus and Zacchaeus</i></p>	<p>Psalm 23:4 <i>You are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.</i></p> <p>Mathew 14:22-33 <i>Jesus and Peter in the storm.</i></p>	<p>Psalm 23:5 <i>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. My cup overflows.</i></p> <p>Matthew 26:17-29; 27:32-61 <i>Lord's Supper; Jesus crucifixion, death and burial</i></p>	<p>Psalm 23:6 <i>Goodness and mercy shall follow me; I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.</i></p> <p>Matthew 28:1-10; 16-20 <i>Jesus rises and promises to be with us forever.</i></p>
<b>Take-Home Point</b>	Jesus satisfies all my needs.	Jesus forgives my sins and leads me on a new path.	Jesus is with me and comforts me.	Jesus gives Himself for me.	I will be with Jesus forever.
<b>Memory Verse</b>	Psalm 23:1-2	Psalm 23:3	Psalm 23:4	Psalm 23:5	Psalm 23:6
<b>Teaching Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A good shepherd takes care of all of his sheep's needs – food, drink, protection.</li> <li>• A good shepherd leads his sheep</li> <li>• Jesus tells us that He is the good shepherd, and He knows His sheep and what they need.</li> <li>• Jesus says that He cares for His sheep so much that He is willing to die for them.</li> <li>• This is what our Heavenly Father has sent Him to do.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Good Shepherd restores souls by forgiving sins.</li> <li>• After forgiving, He leads His sheep into a new life.</li> <li>• Jesus looks for Zacchaeus, who is lost, and comes to him, forgiving his sins.</li> <li>• Forgiven, Zacchaeus is started on a new path of righteousness. The Bible tells us what He does on His new path.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Good Shepherd stays with His sheep to care for them and protect them, especially during fearful times.</li> <li>• The rod is to discipline, the staff is to guide and keep the sheep close.</li> <li>• When Peter kept His eye on Jesus, He was able to walk on the water and fear no evil. When he looked away at the water, he became afraid and he sank.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sheep are able to eat safely even when their enemies are present, because their Shepherd is there, willing to sacrifice himself for them.</li> <li>• In the Lord's Supper, Jesus says "this is my body; this is my blood, given and shed for you".</li> <li>• What is He giving? Where was it given? Why was it given?</li> <li>• The table is the cross and the enemies are all around Him.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Good Shepherd promises blessings to His Sheep all the days of their lives and beyond.</li> <li>• Jesus rose from the dead on the third day.</li> <li>• An angel announced the resurrection to the women, and Jesus met them.</li> <li>• Because Jesus rose again, we know that He is true God, that His Words are true, that our sins are really forgiven, and that one day we also will rise from the dead to live forever with Him in heaven.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Application Points</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are the sheep and Jesus is our shepherd.</li> <li>• Jesus knows us and knows what we need, and He provides for us.</li> <li>• Jesus leads us and we follow Him because we know His voice – when do we first hear His voice?</li> <li>• Jesus loves us so much that He has come to die for us. No one can snatch us away from Him.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are like sheep who are lost – we are lost in our sins.</li> <li>• Jesus comes to us because we can't go to Him. How does He do that? (Means of grace).</li> <li>• Jesus forgives our sins and puts us on a new path of righteousness.</li> <li>• How does He lead us in paths of righteousness (explanations of the Commandments, their purpose for the redeemed)</li> <li>• What sins do you need to have forgiven? What does a new path look like for you?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are like sheep who get confused and afraid when we are alone.</li> <li>• What things scare us? What does our "valley of the shadow of death" look like?</li> <li>• Jesus comforted and guided Peter, and showed that He was with him</li> <li>• How does Jesus comfort us and guide us? How is He with us?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus has prepared a table with His body and blood.</li> <li>• He takes us away from enemies – sin, death, and the devil – and puts Himself in their presence in our place.</li> <li>• We don't have to be afraid of those enemies because when He prepared that table and gave Himself for us, we received forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are today's promises?</li> <li>• "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life". Review the promises of days 1-4...they follow us all the days of our lives because Jesus is with us always.</li> <li>• "And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever". Always and forever we will be with Jesus.</li> <li>• How does living under that promise help us as we live our lives each day in this world?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Music</b></p>	<p>Theme Song: I Will Dwell in the House of the Lord Forever</p>				