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Scripture Verses for the Week:

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep."
– John 10:14-15 (TNIV)

- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
- Commit to memory.

Prayer for this Week:

Jesus my good shepherd, help me to listen to your voice. Amen. (John 10:16)

For Throughout the Day:

Lord God, help me to love others not only with my words but also with my actions. Amen. (1 John 3:18)

A Blessing to Share:

May God's kindness and love be with you each day of your life, and may you live forever with the Lord. Amen. (Psalm 23:6)

Mealtime Refrain:

The Lord is our shepherd:
He gives us everything we need. (Psalm 23:1)

Mealtime Prayer:

Good Shepherd of your sheep, thank you for our daily keep. You give us reason to rejoice, help us to listen to your voice. Amen.



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Faith Talk:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- In your life, whom do you trust? Whom do you listen to? Why?
- Jesus calls himself our "good shepherd". What does a shepherd do? How can we know that Jesus is a good shepherd?
- How do we listen to Jesus' voice? How can we grow to know him better?

Devotional Practices:

In your devotion time this week, play a game of "Follow the Leader". Blindfold all the followers, and have the leader guide them using only his or her voice. Read John 10:11-18 and talk about what it means to listen to Jesus' voice and to follow him as sheep of the Good Shepherd.

Service:

John 3:17 says: "If we have all we need and see one of our own people in need, we must have pity on that person, or else we cannot say we love God." Is there someone in your church family who is need in any way? Offer your help to them and pray for them.

Rituals and Traditions:

Make Psalm 23 part of your household bedtime rituals this week. Parents, read it to and with your children as you settle them to bed. Make it your goal to memorize the psalm with them.

Parent Toolbox: Encouragement for Shepherds of the Home

- When you thought I wasn't looking ...*
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang up my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another one.*
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.*
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I knew that little things are special things.*
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I believed there is a God I could always talk to.*
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me goodnight, and I felt loved.*
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.*
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I LOOKED....*

Thank you for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking!

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