

GOD AND ME
Lesson Twenty-Three

GOD IS....

I AM...



MY RESPONSE...

THE LOVE OF THE CROSS



JESUS CHOSE THE CROSS BECAUSE HE **LOVES** US!

AND



HIS RESURRECTION GIVES US THE **POWER** TO CHOOSE TO LOVE HIM!

"The message of the cross seems foolish to those who are lost and dying.
But it is God's power to us who are being saved."

1 Corinthians 1:18

"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you
a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the true knowledge of Him."

Ephesians 1:17



So Far We Have Discovered That:

GOD SAID, "I AM WHO I AM"



THE FIRST "I AM" Exodus 3:14-15

*God said to Moses, "**I am who I am.** This is what you are to say to the Israelites:
'**I am** has sent me to you.'"*

God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

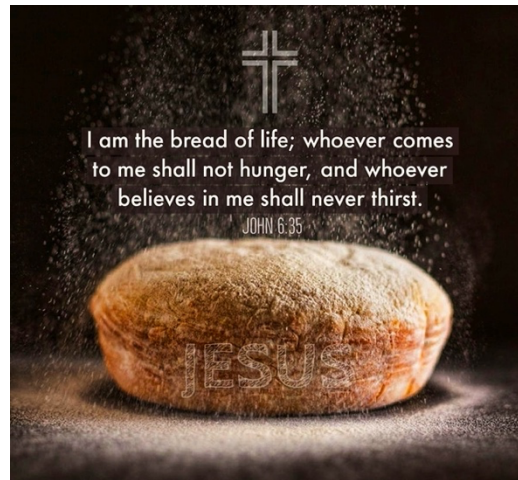
***"This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation."***

This is the first time in the Bible when God calls Himself, **"I AM"**
Through the season of Lent, we are going to learn about Jesus calling Himself by
the Name of God: **"I AM"!**

We Have Heard Jesus Say:

“I AM the Bread of Life”

John 6:35

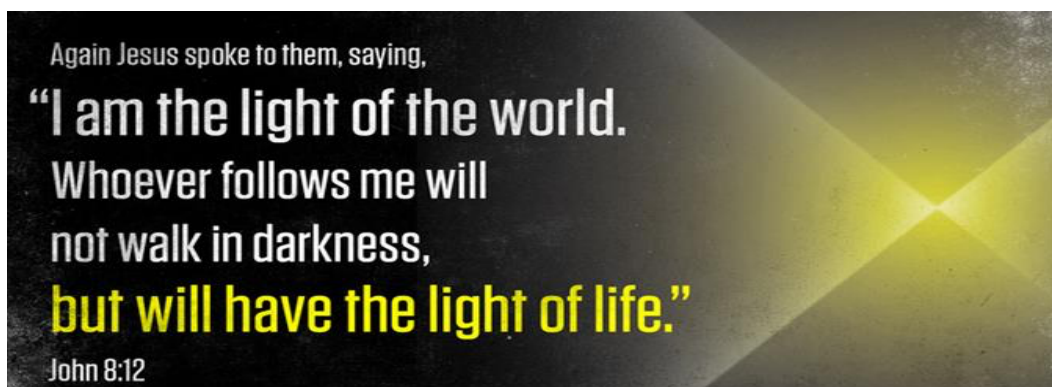


Just like real bread is yummy to our taste buds, feels good in our tummy,
and gives us energy to keep going -
JESUS is the good bread from heaven that keeps our spirits going forever.

AND

“I AM the Light of the World”

John 8:12

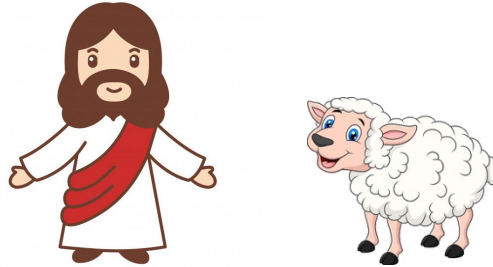


Jesus guides us out of darkness
FOLLOWING JESUS OUT OF DARKNESS IS THE BEST WAY TO LIVE

We're Going To Learn Another BIG Thing That Jesus Said About Himself!

Jesus said, "I AM the Gate for the Sheep"

John 10:7



What Do You Think Sheep Have To Do With Jesus?

Let's use our detective skills and see if we can figure this mystery out!

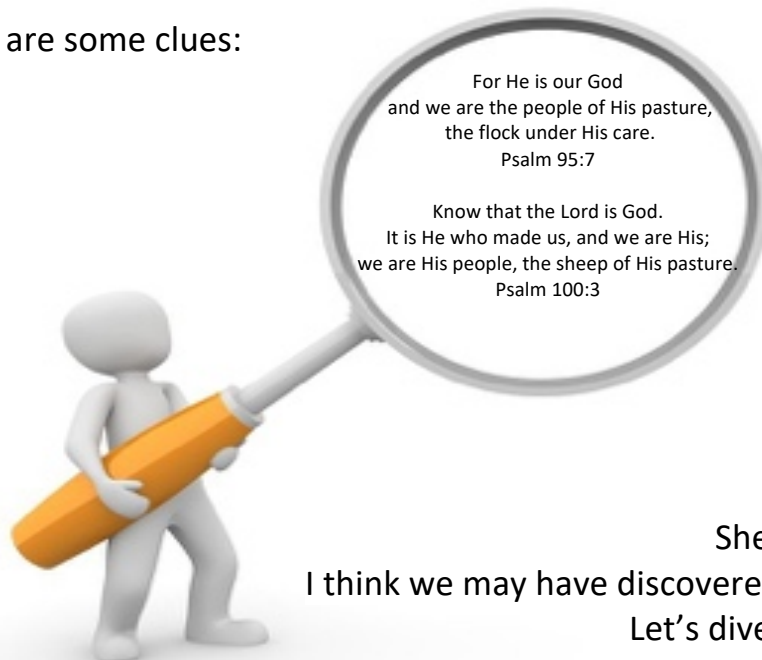
What do you know about sheep?

- What do they eat?
- What does a sheep feel like?
- Where do sheep live?
- What sound do sheep make?
- What is a baby sheep called?
- What color are sheep?
- What do we use sheep for?



Why do you think sheep are in the Bible?

Here are some clues:



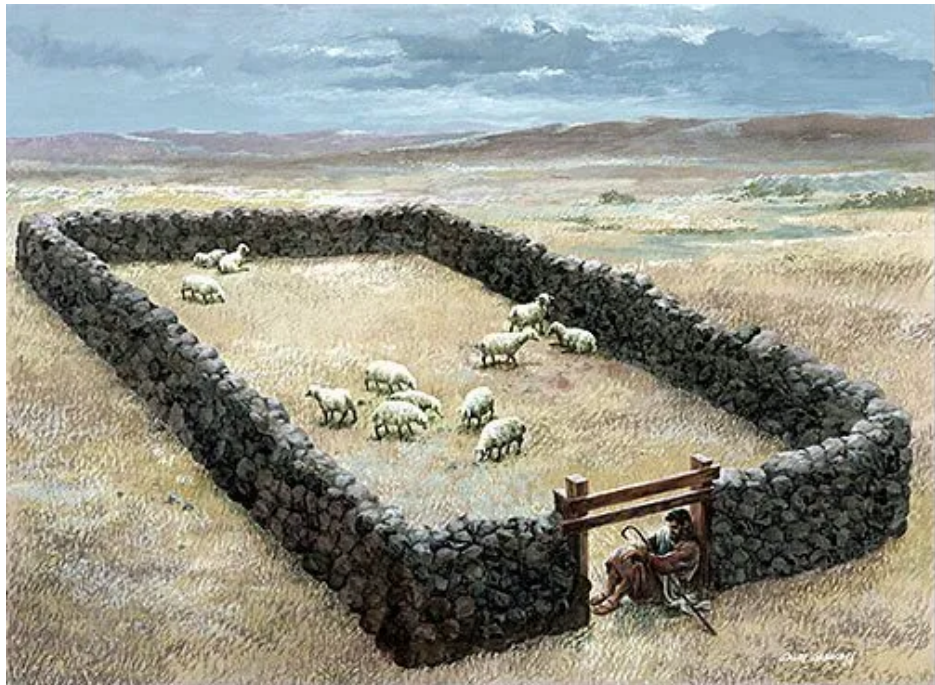
Who takes care of sheep?

Shepherds take care of sheep.
I think we may have discovered part of our mystery here.
Let's dive deeper to find out more...

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep



**Read this Scripture passage in your Bible:
JOHN 10:1-14**



Here's the Story from the Gospel of John Chapter 10:
(Jesus' Words Are In Red)

"Very truly I tell you Pharisees...."

Hold up! That's a big word! What is a Pharisee?

A Pharisee was a person who was in charge of making the religious laws and teaching people. But they often didn't teach people the right things. Jesus was becoming frustrated with them. Let's continue.

"..... Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber."

Yikes! I don't want to be a thief, do you? We better read on and see the right way to enter!

"The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep know his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."

This scripture is telling us that Jesus knows each one of us! He knows EVERYONE'S name! Isn't that crazy? He knows my name, and **He knows your name!**

"....he goes ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice."

And it says that He will lead us. When we aren't sure what to do, we can pray and ask Jesus to help us. He will show us the way! No matter what the situation, He goes ahead of us and will lead the way!

"I AM the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."

Stop and think about it: What do you think Jesus is saying here?

He is saying that He will always protect us. He will make sure that we are safe wherever we go, and He will make sure that we have a life that is full of joy and hope in Him. That sounds pretty great to me! There's even more:

*"I AM the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep.
So when he sees the wolf coming he abandons the sheep and runs away.
Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.
I AM the good shepherd: I know my sheep and my sheep know me."*

Jesus is telling us here that only He can protect us. If we put our trust in anyone else, they will fail. Only Jesus is the one that can truly protect us!

Think About It:

If your friend asked you what it means that Jesus is your shepherd, what would you tell them?

Sheep are often scared of wolves. What are some things that you are afraid of?

When you are afraid of something, what can you do to help you conquer that fear?

BIG IDEA:**Jesus is the Gate for the Sheep**

Shepherds protect their sheep from predators.

When I follow Jesus, He protects me when I am scared.

He helps me know where to go to stay safe.

He helps me to make wise choices that will keep me out of trouble
and keep me secure.

FOLLOWING JESUS KEEPS ME SAFE!

My Response:



I choose to believe that:
Jesus is the Gate
Jesus Knows My Name
Jesus Knows What is Best for Me

I choose to:
Follow Jesus Knowing that -
He Keeps Me Safe
He Keeps Me Out of Trouble
He Helps Me to Make Wise Choices

I choose to remember that:
FOLLOWING JESUS KEEPS ME SAFE

TALK TO GOD

Use the ARK model (**A: Agree R: Revelation K: Keep**) to pray using Scripture.

Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

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I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—"

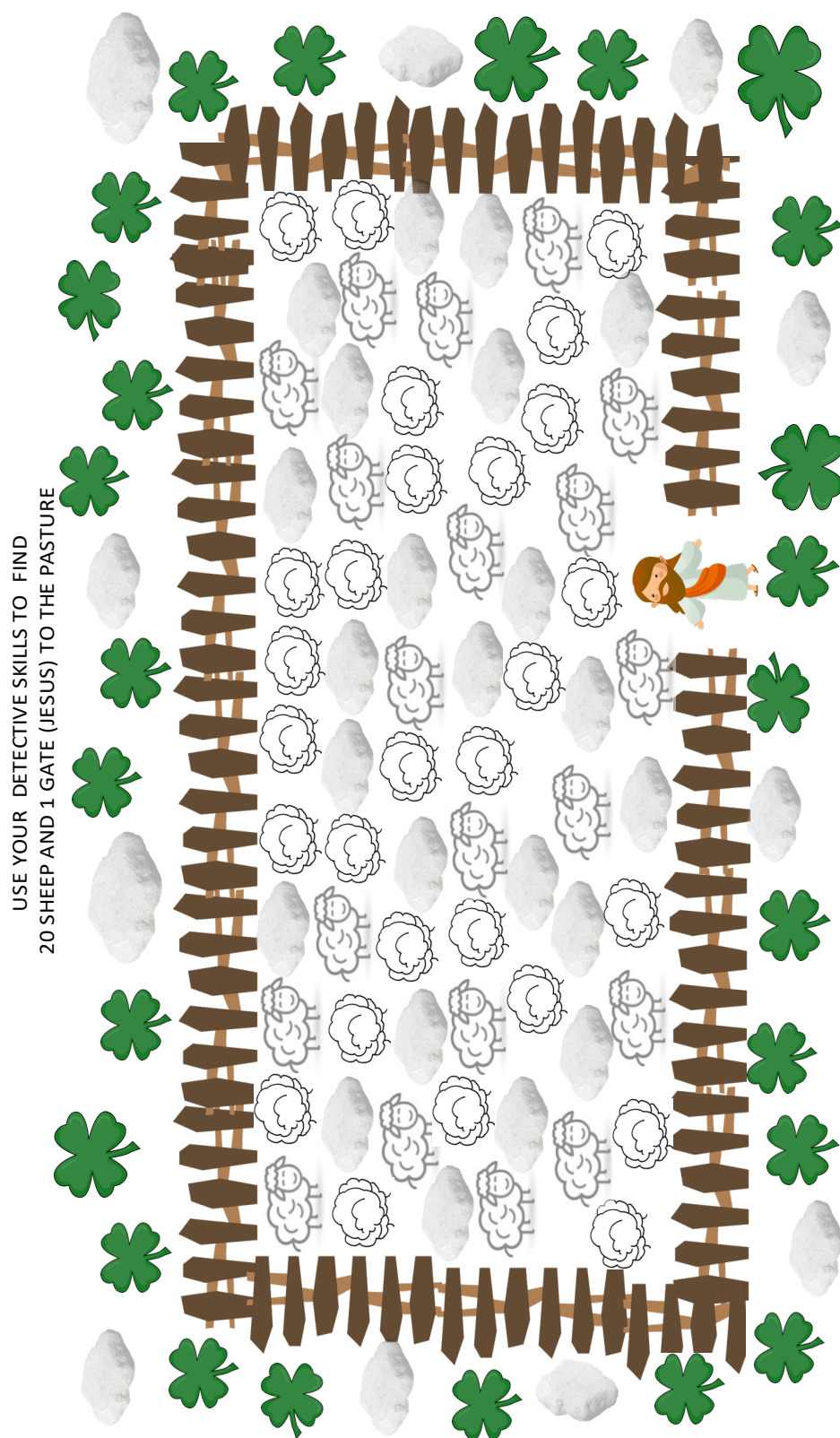
John 10:7,9,14

Agree - LORD, I **AGREE** that You are the Gate for the sheep. As I follow You, You will save me and protect me. I believe that You know me and that I know You.













Reveal— Please show me more about what it means that You are the Gate for the sheep. Show me how You lead me into wise choices and protect me from everything. Show me that **following You keeps me safe.**

Keep— I choose to follow You and I trust You to lead me and keep me safe. I choose to remember that **following You keeps me safe.** Thank You, Jesus for keeping me safe.
Amen










Write or Draw Your Own Prayer Above








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














































(John 10:7,9,14)
 "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.
 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved."

TAKE HOME CHALLENGES:**1. This week read one or more of these Scriptures in the Bible.**

Corinthians 1:18

Ephesians 1:17

Exodus 3:14-15

John 6:35

John 8:12

John 10:1-14

2. Memory Verse:

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I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.

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John 10:7,9,14

3. Share this workbook with a family member and talk about:

a. God is...

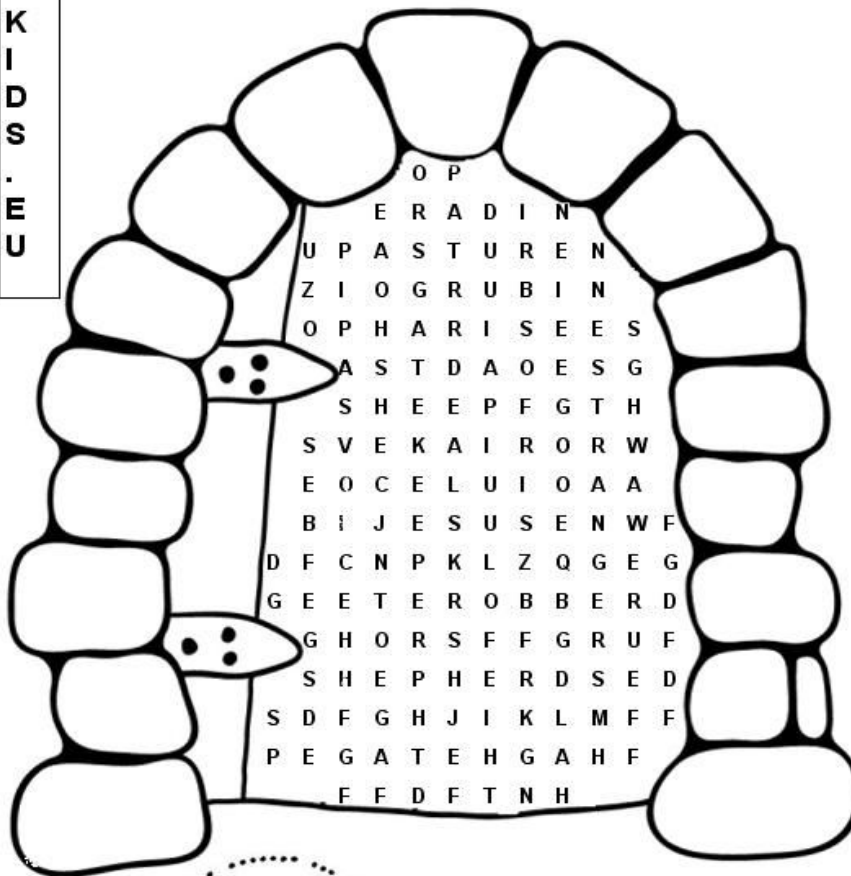
b. I am...

c. **My Response...** (Share your feelings about what you learned together)

4. Do the coloring, activity pages, and writing or drawing a prayer suggested in this book.

The gate for the sheep

John 10:1-10



Sheep
Gate
Pharisees
Thief
Robber
Shepherd
Gatekeeper
Voice
Name
Stranger
Jesus
Pasture
Life



Find the
hidden
words



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