

GOD AND ME

Lesson Twenty-Four

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.'

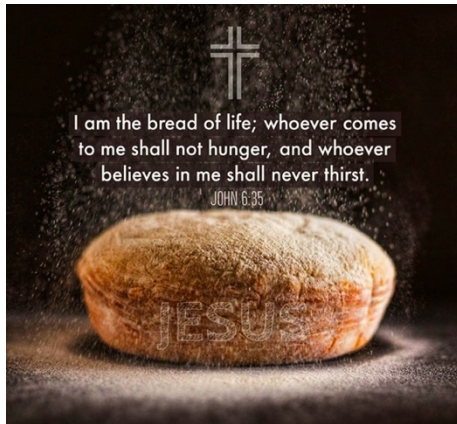
***"This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation."***

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



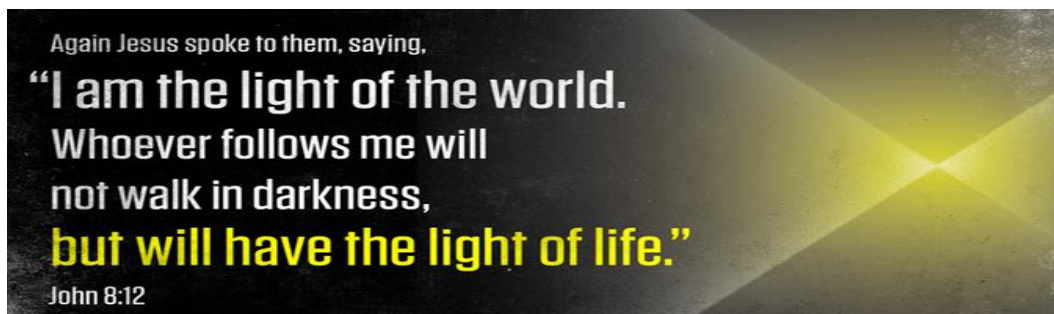
Just like real bread is yummy to our taste buds, feels good in our tummy, and gives us energy to keep going –

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.**

AND



“I AM the Gate for the Sheep”

John 10:7



Following Jesus keeps me safe!

This Week We Hear Jesus say:

"I Am the Good Shepherd.

The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.....

I know my sheep, and My sheep know Me."

John 10:11,14

What do you know about shepherds?

Shepherds had to be out alone with their sheep all day, and sometimes all night! And they didn't have phones to watch YouTube videos or video games to keep them occupied. They just had to sit there!

What do you think they did?

In the Bible, we read that they often sang songs and played instruments to pass the time.

If you didn't have anything to do and had to sit and watch sheep for hours, what would you do?



Sometimes their job could be really dangerous too! Their job was to protect all the sheep from lions and wolves and creatures that could kill their sheep.

Would you want to fight a lion all alone with just a sword?

I wouldn't! But they loved their sheep, so they did everything they could to protect them! They were committed to caring and watching over their sheep.

And just like the shepherds, Jesus does that for us.

Jesus is committed to caring and watching over those who are His.



The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

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A shepherd's job is to protect the sheep, no matter what. That might mean that he has to fight big animals like lions or bears, or he might have to stay out in dangerous weather or cold to protect his sheep. It is never an option for the shepherd to just leave them behind.

Just like the shepherd, Jesus is committed to keeping us safe and caring for us. He watches over us at all times. He is OMNIPRESENT – that means He is everywhere all at the same time! He is always taking care of everyone!

Jesus said:

"I know my sheep, and My sheep know Me."

John 10:14

Jesus is saying that He is OMNISCIENT – that means He knows EVERYTHING! He knows each one of us. Shepherds can have hundreds of sheep, but they spend so much time with them, caring for them, that they know each one. And the sheep each know who their shepherd is when they see him.

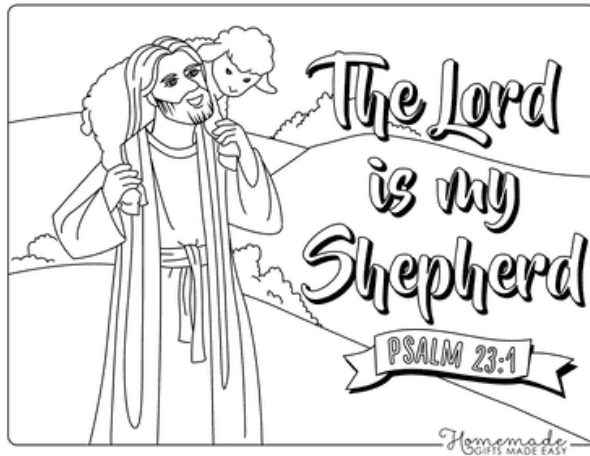
Jesus said:

"(The shepherd) goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

John 10:4b-5

The sheep also know the shepherd's voice and only follow him.

**What are some ways we can learn to recognize Jesus as our Good Shepherd?
How can we learn to know His voice?**



Read Our Bible

Talk With Our Parents

Or

Other Christians



Pray And Talk To Jesus



As we practice getting to know God, we will recognize how He is helping us. Jesus always leads us in the right direction to do the right things. Sometimes as kids, it can be hard and confusing to learn to recognize Jesus in tough situations. But as we grow older and learn more about Him, it becomes easier to recognize Him. Be patient! We are all learning together!

Let's look at this situation and see if we can recognize Jesus in this story:

Jackson had a rough day at school. He spilled his milk at breakfast, and then he realized he forgot his lunch. He felt like his day couldn't get any worse. He was so embarrassed, and he was too shy to tell his teacher that he forgot his lunch. His friend from church, Gabe, noticed that Jackson looked sad. Gabe came over and helped Jackson clean up his milk and gave him his milk. They talked for a few minutes, and Jackson told Gabe that he forgot his lunch. Gabe asked the teacher to order a school lunch for Jackson and then shared his cookie with him at lunch. This made Jackson feel so much better, and later Jackson helped another student at lunch when she spilled her chips on the floor.

How can we see Jesus in this story?

Do you have a story that talks about Jesus helping you?

Think About It:

What are some ways that we can share the love of Jesus with friends or family this week?

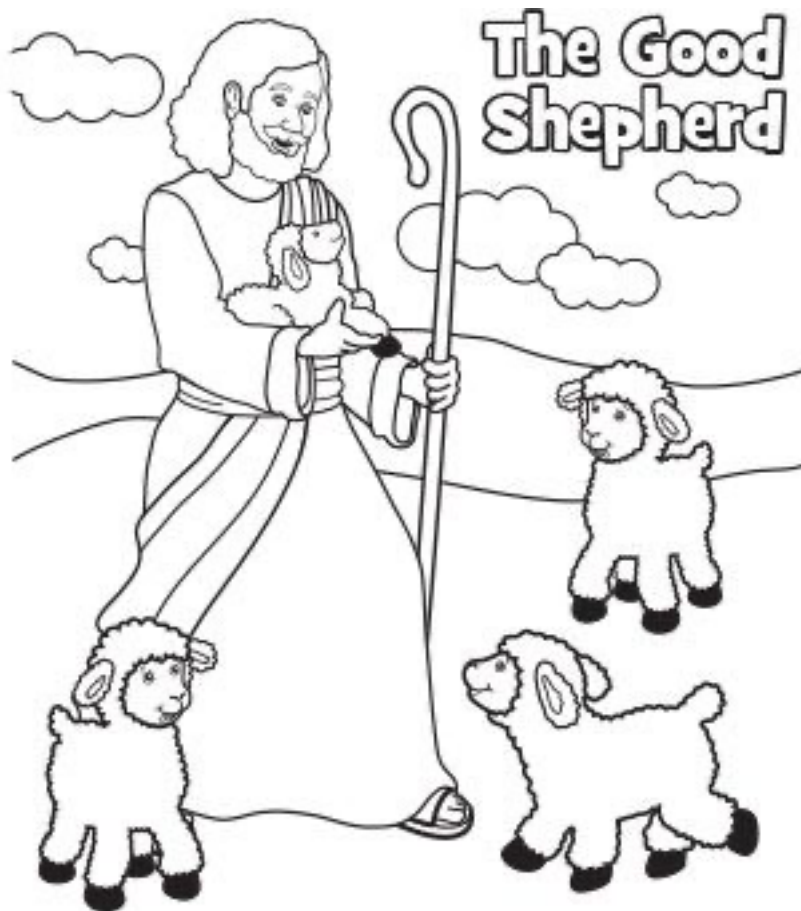
Share a time when someone did something nice for you, or when you did something nice for someone else. Do you think Jesus helped to make that happen?

BIG IDEA:

It's important to remember that Jesus knows each one of us, and we can learn to know Him, hear His voice, and follow Him. He always sees us, He always stays with us, and He will not leave us for any reason. Always remember: "Jesus cares for me!"

Jesus Is Committed To Caring And Watching Over Those Who Are His.

My Response:



I choose to believe that:
Jesus is the Good Shepherd
Jesus Knows Me
Jesus Cares for Me

I choose to:
Know God Better By –
Reading My Bible
Talking to My Parents or Other Christians
Praying

I choose to remember that:
Jesus Is Committed To Caring And Watching Over Those Who Are His.

TALK TO GOD

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

"I Am the Good Shepherd.

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Agree - LORD, I **AGREE** that You are the Good Shepherd. I know that You care for me no matter what and that You laid down Your life for me. I believe that You know me and that You will help me to know You.

Reveal– Please show me more about what it means that You are the Good Shepherd. Show me how You take care of me. Help me to know Your voice get to know You better.

Keep– I choose to get to know You better and follow Your voice. I trust that You know me and that I belong to You. I know that You are **committed to care for me and watch over me**. Thank You, Jesus for being my Good Shepherd and knowing me and caring for me.
Amen

Write or Draw Your Own Prayer Above

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 10:7

Psalm 23

2. Memory Verse:

"I Am the Good Shepherd.

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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.

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD



The good shepherd lays down his life
for the sheep.

- John 10:11

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