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UMCOR SUNDAY
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



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Please repeat today's memory verse:

*"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life."*

—Psalm 23:6, NRSVUE

David, who wrote the psalms, was a shepherd who later became a king. But in this poem, he thinks of himself as a sheep and of God as his shepherd. This is a poem about how God provides protection even during scary times. Listen for what part you like the best.

Using a shepherd and a sheep from a nativity set, "show and tell" the Twenty-Third Psalm

*The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.*

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
(lay the sheep down on a green piece of cloth)

he leads me beside still waters;
(walk the sheep along a blue strip of cloth)

he restores my soul.
(the sheep jumps with joy)

He leads me in right paths
(walk the sheep on a strip of brown cloth)

for his name's sake.

*Even though I walk through
the darkest valley,*

(cover the sheep with a cloth but keep walking it)

I fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

(the shepherd pets the sheep)

You prepare a table before me

(put a small bowl or hay in front of the sheep)

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

**(pour a bottle of olive oil, with the cap on,
over the sheep)**

my cup overflows.

(put a small cup of water in front of the sheep)

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,*

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

**(place the sheep and shepherd in a creche or
other structure if you have one)**

my whole life long. (NRSVUE)



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Say:

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SUMMARIZED FOR MISSION MOMENT

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