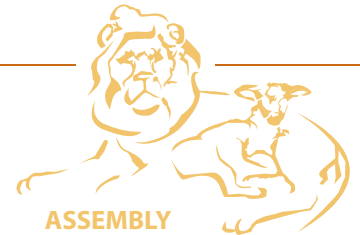


DAVID THE PSALMIST

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: PSALM 23



Read the Psalm out loud to the children. The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.

LESSON IDEAS

SING THE PSALM

Psalm 23 has been set to several modern melodies. If you know a worship song that is Psalm 23 set to music, teach it to the children.

ACT OUT PSALM 23

Read the psalm and have the children act out the action. When it says "He makes me lie down in green pastures" have the children lie down to rest, etc.

Where is Jesus?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

Luke shares Zechariah's song in Luke 1:69-75. Like David, Zechariah (quoted here in the Luke's gospel) speaks of one who will save us from our enemies and redeem us. This salvation will come from the house of David and lead God's people into paths of righteousness.

The birth of Jesus is but months away. He will come to shepherd His people. Jesus called Himself the good shepherd. He said,

"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)