



REDEEMER FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

WEEK 5

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OPENING PRAYER

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (BCP 259)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
³ he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Name two ways that God, as our shepherd, takes care of us.

2. What does it mean to “walk through the darkest valley”?

3. Think of a time in your life when you felt like you were in a dark valley. How did you experience God caring for you and comforting you?

KID'S CATECHISM

(From *First Catechism*)

Q: Why are you to glorify God?

A: Because he made me and takes care of me.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Work/School

- Father, our great Shepherd, thank you for creating us and giving us every good gift. We give you glory for the way you comfort and take care of us even in the most difficult times. Jesus, please help us to care and comfort our friends at school when we see that they are struggling. Help us to remind them that you love them and are with them.

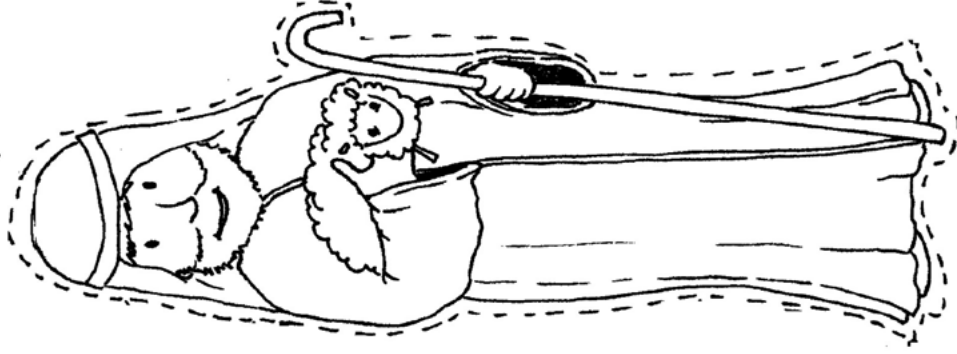
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

ACTIVITY SHEET

Turn the page to color Jesus the Shepherd.

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Jesus is the Good Shepherd!



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Jesus, the Nice Shepherd

Jesus was a shepherd,
A nice one slim and tall.
He loved the sheep so much,
He loved them one and all.

The sheep began to know Him,
Spending time grazing the hills.
Soon they knew His voice,
And followed as He willed.

The sheep began to grow,
Stronger and lovelier every day.
They became good friends,
With their Shepherd right away.

They loved the nice Shepherd,
Who led them in pastures green,
And always gave them water,
Never once was He mean.

One by one they followed,
This nice shepherd as He led.
And they loved him as a father,
Trusting Him as they were fed.

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