



Looking after the sheep



Sheep need a lot of care. They need fresh green grass, clean water, shelter from sun, cold wind and rain, and they need to be kept free from parasites like lice or worms. They must be shorn at least once a year. Auntie Chris spends lots of time looking after her sheep. Her friend Jenni shears the sheep in return for some of their wool.

Listen to God! Psalm 23:1- 4

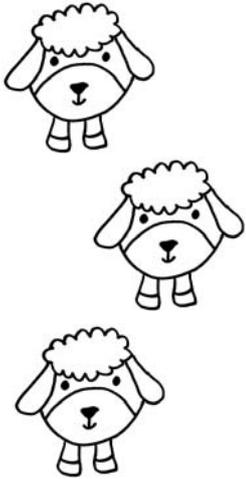
Jesus promises to look after those who trust him just like a shepherd looks after his or her sheep. In Australia, herds of sheep are driven by dogs or farmers on motor bikes. In Bible lands, shepherds know each sheep by name. When they call, the sheep follow them.

In Australia, sheep spend much of the day munching away on their own in grassy paddocks where there are trees for shade and troughs or dams for water. Bible lands are hot and dry. The shepherd has to lead his sheep to pasture and water and shade every day.



Talk to God!

Lord Jesus, you are my shepherd. Thank you that you look after me every day and every night. You know what is best for me. You give me everything I need – food, water, shelter, safety and love.



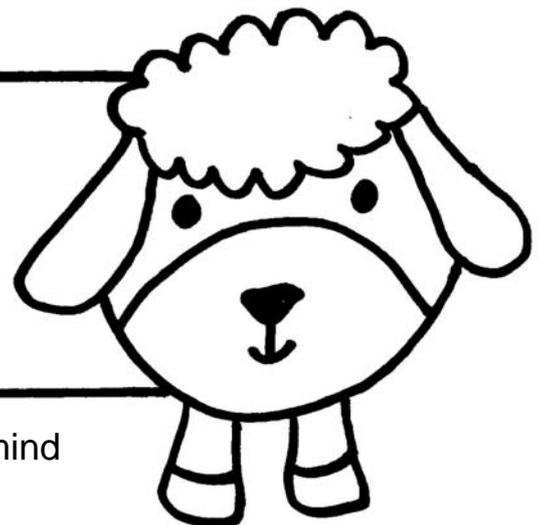
“Mimi, How many sheep does the shepherd have if he has two sheep before a sheep, two sheep after a sheep and one sheep in the middle?” quizzed Melvin.
“I have no idea,” Mimi groaned.



Answer: Three in a row

The lord is my
shepherd

Psalm 23:1



Colour the bookmark and cut it out. Use it to remind yourself that Jesus is taking care of you.