

BE SURE TO MEMORIZE THE  
KEY PASSAGE TITLE AND  
LOCATION THE FIRST OF  
EACH MONTH AND THE  
SCRIPTURES EACH WEEK. TRY  
TO DO THE FUN ACTIVITIES  
SOME TIME DURING THE  
MONTH.

### *A Shepherd's Song, Psalm 23: Our Shepherd Protects*

Read and memorize the title and location of the Key Passage: A Shepherd's Psalm (Psalm 23)

A Shepherd's Psalm is one of the best known passages of Scripture in the Bible. This month we will look at all the ways that our Good Shepherd watches over and protects us. He is 100% reliable and trustworthy. Though the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm is a long psalm, it might be a fun thing to try to memorize it over the next three months.

Read and memorize **Psalm 56:3** this week.

1. Steve Green has a great song called, "When I Am Afraid I Will Trust in You." You can YouTube it. Discuss how Jesus is our Good Shepherd and how He watches over us.
2. Go around the table and talk about things you are afraid of. What are some ways that God protects you? Do we need to be afraid if God is in control?
3. Discuss what it means to trust God. Share a time when you had a tough time trusting God, but He came through and helped you.
4. Talk about some Bible people who trusted God, like Noah and Abraham. Look at Hebrews 11 for a list of people who trusted God.
5. Draw a picture of how they are going to trust God when they are afraid. Hang the picture in their room as a reminder that God is always watching over them.

Read and memorize **Psalm 119:11** this week.

1. Ask what it means to store up or treasure God's Word in our hearts? Verse 3 of A Shepherd's Psalm says that "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake." Explain that God's Word helps lead us towards righteousness which means living lives pleasing to God.
2. Have the kids make a list of five of their favorite things. Discuss why those things are so important to them. Have them rank those things in order of importance. Ask why they are important. Ask how they would feel if they didn't have those things.
3. Tell them that God said we should treasure or store His Word up in our hearts. This means that we memorize it and do what it says. It becomes more important than our favorite things.
4. Discuss how God's Word helps us to not sin against God.
5. Have each person write down hiding places around your home and give it to one of the adults. Write parts of the verse on separate pieces of paper and hide them in their spots. Assemble the verse together.

Read and memorize **Proverbs 22:1** this week.

1. Put some money on the table. Ask the following questions:  
If I offered you all this money, would you hit your brother or sister? (Do not let them hit their sibling.) Ask Would you disrespect your mom for this money? Would you go into the store and steal a \$1.00 bar of candy if I offered you all this money in return? Explain that we have a name or reputation to uphold, and when we disobey God, our name or reputation is ruined. Our good name and reputation are built around God.
2. Ask what it means to have a good name. Write those answers down. Talk about robbers and pirates. Ask your kids if they think these were good people even though they had lots of silver and gold. Ask if it is worth having all the money in the world if you do not have a good name or reputation.
3. Refer back to question 2. Talk about ways and things they need to do or stop doing in order to have a better name or reputation.
4. Print your last name out in acrostic form (one letter under the next). Think of words that would show you have a good name such as kindness, honesty, etc., that start with the first letter of your name and come up with a word starting with that letter. You could even have that letter in the middle of the word.

This month we are going to learn verses from the writings of John.  
**Good advice from the Apostle John.**

John was most likely the youngest disciple. He lived from 6 AD to 98 AD which is 93 years. He is known as the beloved disciple or the one that Jesus was closest to. He wrote the Gospel of John, John 1, 2, 3, and Revelation. He was imprisoned on the Island of Patmos where God inspired him to author the Book of Revelation. The Bible does not tell us how he died, but most believed that he died of old age in Ephesus, which is now in Turkey.

Read and memorize the title and location of the **Key Passage: Jesus' First Miracle (John 2:1-11)**

Read and memorize **John 4:24** this week.

1. Explain that this verse comes from the story of the woman at the well (John 4:1-42). The Samaritan woman was confused as to where people should worship. So, what do you think it means that God is Spirit? God is Spirit and Man is not. Ask the difference between human and spirit. Some attributes to point out are that God is not limited to what He can do. Humans are. God is not restricted by what He can see or hear. God is not limited to being in one space at one time. He is invisible, eternal, all knowing, and always present.
2. Discuss what it means to worship. What are different ways we can worship.
3. Make a list of the different places we can worship.
4. Write the word WORSHIP out in an acrostic and think of words that describe how you feel about God. "W" could be, "We love Him."
5. Write a note to one of your pastors and let them know how much you appreciate how they help lead you to worship.

Read and memorize **John 13:35** this week.

1. Make a list of the different things that you think would make a good follower of Christ. Make sure that love is one of those attributes. Ask how good of a follower of Christ they would be if they did not love people.
2. Have everyone list five people they love, not including their families. Discuss why they love those people. It could be that they are nice, or they are friendly.
3. Have everyone think of one person to write a note to. They should be someone that you know is sick or lonely. Let them know that you love them and are praying for them.
4. Kids experience the most love from a family member. Make a video on your phone from your kids to their grandparents. Be sure to send it out them.
5. Sibling rivalry can tear up a family. Go around the table and everyone tell one thing they like about the other person.

Read and memorize **1 John 4:21** this week.

Days 1-5.

This is such an important concept and one we discussed a good bit last week. Each night this week, let's discuss and pray for people that are hard to love. Let's make a commitment to be kind to those who are hard to love.

This month we will be learning how to love our neighbor. Not only how to love our neighbor but how to serve our neighbor in love.

Read and memorize the title and location of the **Key Passage: The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)**.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho is a very steep and dangerous road. There are lots of places to ambush someone as they traveled. It begins at 1200 feet above sea level in Jerusalem and drops to 2,200 feet below sea level in just seventeen miles at Jericho.

Go outside and walk down the street. As you walk past your neighbor's house, pray softly aloud, God, please bless \_\_\_\_\_. If you do not know the people, pray that God would bless the people who live there.

## Read and memorize **Deuteronomy 16:17** this week.

1. The Bible does not say much about the Samaritan man. Just that he was moved with compassion when he saw the man on the side of the road. The Bible says that he paid the inn keeper.
2. Talk to the kids about helping others. Talk about how good God has been to your family. Tell them that you are going to pay them to do chores. Ask them if they would be willing to use that money to help someone else. A simple thing would be to purchase food and take it to a shelter.
3. The Good Samaritan also gave his time. The Priest and the Levite passed by the injured man and did not even stop to see if he was okay. Have your kids spend some time making cookies or writing letters. Take them to the Fire Department and tell them thanks for taking care of people who are injured and giving their time.
4. Talk about other people you could encourage. Write a letter to someone who is in the hospital. You can call your church to see who is sick.
5. The injured man and the inn keeper were enemies of the Good Samaritan because they were from a different people group and religion. Talk about how God loves all people. Talk about people you may know that are hard to get along with. Think of something good to do for them.

## Read and memorize **Luke 19:10** this week.

1. Jesus was not only telling the Lawyer in this story what we must do to inherit Eternal Life, He was also talking about Himself. Read the story. Identify who Jesus is in the story and who we are. (Note: We can actually be all the rest of the characters.)
2. The Lawyer, the Priest, and the Levite all thought they were the only people who God loved. They could not fathom that God would love a Samaritan or a person who was not a Jew. Luke 19:10 tells us who Jesus came to save.
3. Ask the kids the following questions: Who was the Son of Man? Why did He come to earth? How did He find the lost?
4. Make a list of people you know who do not go to church or who may not believe in Jesus. Start praying for those people so they can come to know Jesus.
5. Revisit your salvation. Talk about how you came to know Jesus and the circumstances that led up to it. Have your kids revisit theirs, if they have trusted Jesus. This would be a good time to assure them of their salvation.

Read and memorize **1 Peter 4:9** this week.

1. Discuss what it means to show hospitality to someone or how to be hospitable. Remember, it could be anything from being kind to someone all the way to being a good host at a party.
2. Think of someone you could do something really nice for? Who is someone who needs to know that you care about them?
3. Who is someone of whom you are not fond? What could you do for them?
4. Think of a group you could make cookies for or take a snack to. It could be people in prison, firefighters, nurses, or even people at a nursing home. Let them know you appreciate them.
5. Sometimes it is hard to get along with our brothers and sisters. Think of one thing you can do for each other.

Read and memorize **James 1:22** this week. **Be doers of the word and not hearers only.**

This week we are going to end our Bible Drill Summer with five simple activities. Each day we will think of something we know that the Bible says to do and then do them.

1. Read Deuteronomy 16:7. What is one thing you could do to fulfill this verse?
2. 1 Chronicles 16:9 has a really easy thing to do. What is your favorite song of praise?
3. This verse is the only verse where God says, "Dare me!" In Malachi 3:10, God says, "Test me and see if I won't bless you abundantly for giving." What would you be willing to give to the Lord?
4. We all memorized Matthew 28:19-20. Jesus commanded us to make disciples. Who is someone you know that needs to know Jesus?
5. The Bible says that we should love one another. Read John 13:35. Who is someone who is hard to love? What can you do to show love to someone?