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## Daily Reading Questions

Note: The questions were written from the wording in the NIV 1984. If you are using a different Bible translation, they may have to be adapted.

**Digging Deeper:** What are the benefits of dwelling with God?

Reading 1: Psalm 23 God is our shepherd and leads us to good places.

How does God want to shepherd us? What will be the result of letting God be our shepherd? What happens to sheep who don't follow a shepherd?

Reading 2: Psalm 46 We have no fear in trouble.

What does it mean that God is our refuge and strength? When is God our refuge and strength? What is the result when God is our refuge and strength?

Reading 3: Psalm 67 God blesses and provides for us.

What does God do for the nations and peoples who praise him? Why does God do that?

Reading 4: Psalm 121 God watches over us.

What happens when we look to God as our helper? Why can only God truly be our helper? Who do we usually put our trust in? What is the problem with that?

Reading 5: Psalm 26 God keeps us on level ground.

What does it mean to stand on level ground? Why does being with God do that for us? How do we dwell with God?

Reading 6: Revelation 7:9-17 Following the Shepherd

Think about what a shepherd does to take care of his sheep and what happens to a sheep that doesn't follow a shepherd. Memorize Psalm 23.



UPPER ELEMENTARY-ADULT

LEVEL 4

HOME JOURNAL

### LESSON 22



### THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

**What happens when God is our shepherd?**

### MEMORY VERSE

#### Psalm 23:1-3

The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup>He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.  
<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

## Parent Notes

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of your child, or parent preference, he/she may do the work in this journal independently or complete it with the parent. After reading the day's Bible passage, the student should identify an important truth that relates to that reading and answer the question why he/she needs to know that truth. It would be beneficial if the parent and student also read through and answer the questions about the day's reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week's big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory.
- **Concluding Lesson:** To develop deeper understanding and a comprehensive biblical worldview, the parent should talk through with the student the **Thinking It Through** questions at the back of the booklet and then have the student write out the answers.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn't always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

## Concluding Lesson—Thinking It Through

Discuss these questions with a parent then write out your answers below.

- What is an important truth you learned from the Bible readings this week?
- How should that truth be lived out in your life?
- What would be the result of your living out that truth?
- What is a lie or deception people believe in terms of that truth?
- Why does that lie or deception appeal to people?
- What would be the result of believing and following that lie or deception?

**Digging Deeper:** What are the benefits of dwelling with God?

**Reading 5:** Psalm 26

What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

**Reading 6:** Revelation 7:9-17

What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

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## What happens when God is our shepherd?

When God is our shepherd, we have everything we need.

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### **DIGGING DEEPER**

This week in your daily Bible readings you will be digging deeper. You will be reading passages describing what are the benefits of dwelling with God. As you read pray that your mind would be open to understand God more fully and what it means to dwell with him. The questions for each reading are on the back cover. They will help you think more deeply about each passage.

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