

The Lord is My Shepherd

Perhaps the most well-known passage about God being our shepherd is the 23rd Psalm. Many of us have this committed to memory and it just rolls off the tongue. Try putting your name into the psalm everywhere it says "my, I, me." (Example: "The Lord is Sally's shepherd; Sally shall not want.") This makes us slow down and really personalize the words so we can think about how God leads, guides, and loves us.

Psalm 23

The Lord is **my** shepherd; **I** shall not want.

2 He maketh **me** to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth **me** beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth **my** soul: He leadeth **me** in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

4 Yea, though **I** walk through the valley of the shadow of death, **I** will fear no evil: for Thou art with **me**; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort **me**.

5 Thou preparest a table before **me** in the presence of **mine** enemies: Thou anointest **my** head with oil; **my** cup runneth over.

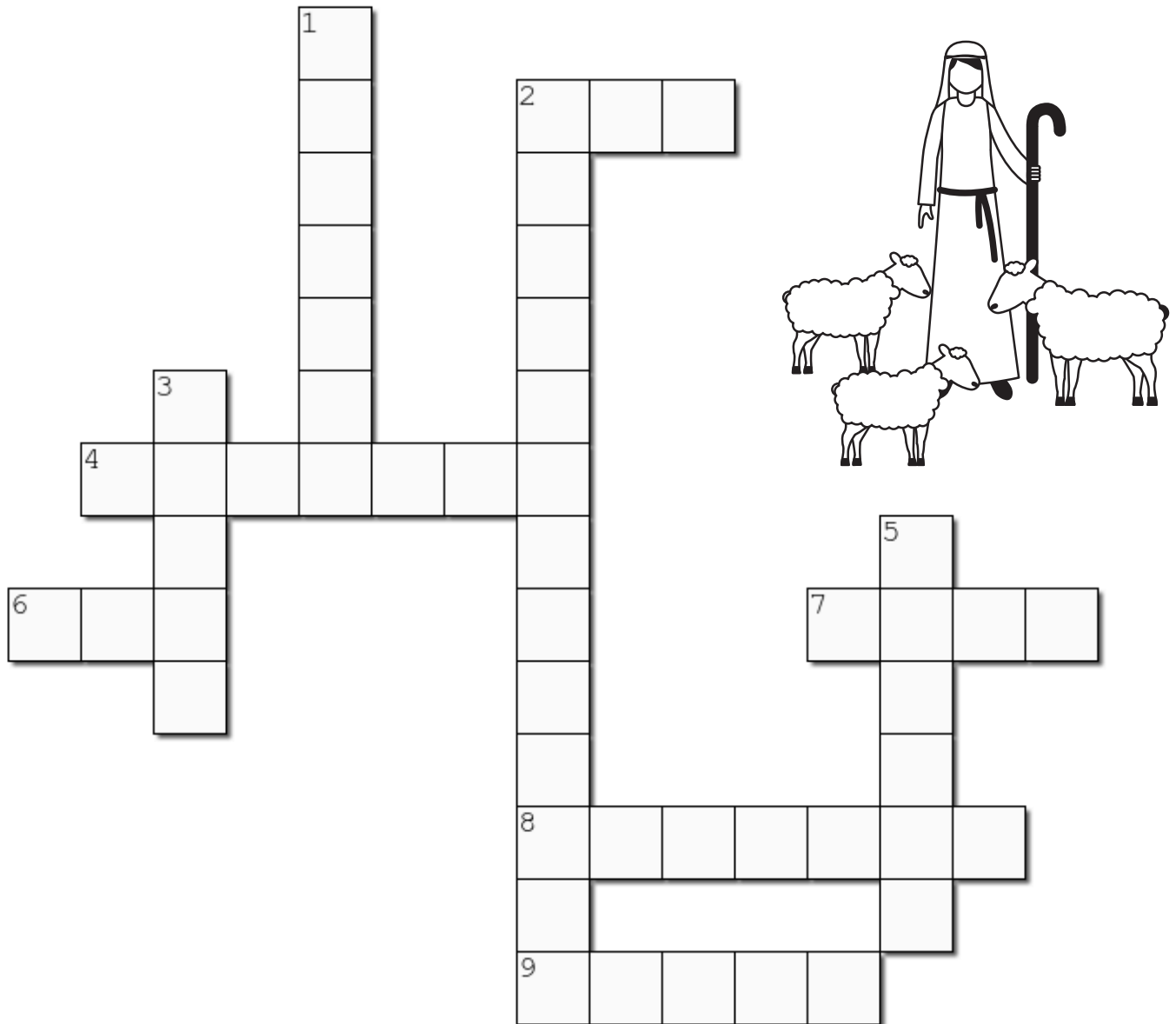
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow **me** all the days of **my** life: and **I** will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Prayer: Father, thank you for meeting all my needs so I can lie down in green pastures and rest. Thank you for restoring my soul and leading me in Your ways. When I am fearful, help me to remember Your promises to me and to trust You as my shepherd. Amen.



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Complete the puzzle using words from Psalm 23.



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staff righteousness pasture rod enemies table valley path oil comfort

Across

- 2. a straight pole or stick carried in the hand
- 4. a plot of land used for grazing animals
- 6. a liquid used in the Bible to anoint God's chosen people
- 7. a route, a walkway
- 8. people who seek to harm you
- 9. a long stick with a hooked end carried in the hand

Down

- 1. to ease sadness or trouble
- 2. being free from guilt or sin
- 3. a piece of furniture used for dining
- 5. a low place between two hills or mountains