



WEEK 2

ELEMENTARY WORSHIP



BIG IDEA

I am safe because God watches over me.

THE BIBLE

The Lord is My Shepherd: Psalm 23;
(Philippians 4:6-7, 19)

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

MUSIC | Worship

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Sing a few worship songs with your kids!

ACTIVITY | Charades

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask for a volunteer and have them act out a phrase. The other kids in the room guess what action the volunteer is doing! This game works best with actions like riding a bike, ice skating, sweeping the floor, doing the dishes, playing the saxophone, etc.
- Did you notice that even though our friends were trying very hard to follow exactly what they saw, the actions kept changing? Following is actually not an easy thing to do!

ACTIVITY | Step by Step

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Place an object in a highly visible, but somewhat distant place. Explain that to win the game, all anyone has to do is get from where they are now to the other side and pick up the object. But in order to get there, they have to follow your step-by-step instructions (such as "Take two steps to your right," "Spin around twice," "Hop three times," etc.). Do this until someone reaches the object.
- Even though you had to follow a set of silly instructions to get to your goal, you knew you would get there, and that you were safe to do what was said. That's because I was watching over you!

QUESTION | What Keeps Us Safe?



- What are some things that keep us safe?
- Do these things **ALWAYS** keep us safe?

THE BIG IDEA | I am safe because God watches over me.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write the Big Idea in a somewhat small font somewhere in the front of the room so it can't be easily read from where the kids are sitting. Then, give a kid volunteer a pair of binoculars to see if they can find the Big Idea and read it aloud for the group.
- This week's Big Idea: **I am safe because God watches over me.**

SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

SCRIPTURE | Psalm 23

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Look up the passage in your Bible and encourage the kids to do the same. Read it!
- **Does anyone remember who King David is? Does anyone remember what his job was before he became king?**
- That's right, David used to be a shepherd. So he knows what he's talking about when he describes how a shepherd takes care of their sheep in this psalm.
- The shepherd makes sure the sheep have food and water. The shepherd makes sure the sheep stay on the right paths. The shepherd protects the sheep from harm.
- God loves us and takes care of us the same way a shepherd loves and takes care of sheep. Sheep don't always know how to take care of themselves, so they always need a shepherd looking out for them. We are all a lot like sheep because we need help sometimes, too. Good thing we have a great shepherd like God to take care of us!

STORY | What God Has Done for Me

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Share a time when God helped you. Emphasize how you knew God was watching over you in this story.
- **Can you think of a time when God helped you?**

CRAFT | I AM A SHEEP

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, give each kid a paper plate with the middle cut out, a pile of cotton balls, and glue. Have the kids glue the cotton balls around the plate rim. When the cotton balls are dry, they can put their face in the middle of the cut out and pretend to be sheep! Talk about how we are all God's sheep, we follow God and God takes care of us!

REFLECTION | People Who Watch Over Me

- Think about the people God has put in your life to take care of you. **Who are they? And how do they take care of you?**



PRAYER

- Dear God, Thank you for being our shepherd and giving us everything we need. Help us to turn to you when we aren't feeling so great in our hearts, like when we are worried or scared or stressed or angry. We know we are safe because you watch over us.

MEMORY VERSE | At the Opera

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Since this series is called, "Sing!" try different ways to sing the memory verse. This week, encourage the kids to sing the memory verse like an opera singer. You can use the same melody you made last week or a new one!*