

Hey parents,
grandparents, aunts,
uncles—anyone
wanting to help the
kids you know learn
more about who God
is and how to JOIN
Him as He redeems
the world!

We have posted this information to serve as a guide and tool for you to teach truth to your kids, young or old, at home.

ARE YOU A MIDDLE SCHOOLER?:
scroll down and complete the MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILY section for each post.

DON'T MISS IT!

Just for fun . . . check out the Fun Photo Challenge below!

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

—A.W. Tozer



Adventure Mountain Families:

LESSONS FOR MAY:

I AM GOD, THERE IS NO OTHER, THERE IS NONE LIKE ME
ISAIAH 46:9-10

MAY 3: BELIEVE! (GOD IS REAL)

MAY 10: DISCOVER (GOD IS KNOWABLE)

MAY 17: ENJOY (GOD IS PERSONAL)

GOD'S GRACE & MERCY
GOD'S GOODNESS & LOVE

MAY 17:



TEACH IT

Enjoy! God is PERSONAL

Begin your lesson, by sharing the truths in the following paragraph with your children. Most likely, kids will accept these statements as truth, even though they can't grasp the full impact of the truth. If you were to ask them: "What do these sentences mean to you?"; they would probably reply, "I don't know." At this age, it is simply important for the truth to become a paradigm of their thinking about God, whether they realize the ramifications of God's personal love for us or not.

Read: "God is not a distant, far-off god, who created the world and then walked away. God is not an uncaring king who doesn't know the names of His people. God is personal—that means He knows YOU—you as an individual, you as HIS child. He knows your name, he knows things you are good at and things you are not good at. He knows what you like, and what you don't like. He wants to be your closest friend. God doesn't need you, but he wants you. He already loves you and cares for you because you are His creation."

To reinforce these truths of God's personal relationship with us, His creation; consider Psalm 23 (see below). We have divided the Psalm into sections to be considered on different days during this upcoming week. Read the verses aloud together; then discuss how God shows His personal love for us as described in the assigned daily verses. Feel free to follow our schedule, or create your own that works best with your children's attention span and daily routines.

Make it personal!!! Each day, read the entire Psalm 23, substituting your child's name every time you come to a "my," "me" or "I". The more kids in the family, the more times you'll have to read it—but, it will make a lasting impression (on you and the kids)!

For "extra credit," encourage the whole family to memorize Psalm 23. To help, add a different part each day and have the kids think of "motions" to represent the words.

AND . . . keep scrolling to get some great story ideas, video clip, a dance-along! and some cool crafts!!!

MONDAY: Psalm 23:1-2 God is a PERSONAL God. He provides for us, His children.

TUESDAY: Psalm 23:3

God is a PERSONAL God. He gives us direction and guides us.

WEDNESDAY: Psalm 23:4-5 God is a PERSONAL God. He provides peace and safety to replace fear when we are afraid.

THURSDAY: Psalm 23:6

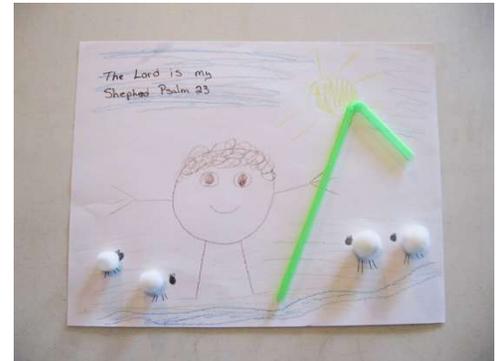
God is a PERSONAL God. He promises life as His friend forever & ever.



CREATE IT

Create your own Shepherd!

All you need is: a piece of paper, pencil (or crayons, markers, etc.), glue, cotton balls and a straw! Use the straw to create a crook and the cotton balls for sheep.



READ IT

From the Jesus Storybook Bible:

1) "The Story and The Song"; 2) "The Beginning: A Perfect Home" and 3) "A Dream of Heaven"



WATCH IT!

Watch (listen to, dance to 😊) this Psalm 23 VeggieTales song!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0mGCJYfop0Y>



SNAP IT!

Fun Photo Challenge: Snap a picture of your creation! Or, you can take a video of yourself dancing to the Psalm 23 song! Then, send it to mary@fbccs.org



MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES:

A FAMILY OR GROUP DISCUSSION

--Or—

Truths for you to consider on your own!

1) Have someone in your group (or family) read the following paragraph:
“God is not a distant, far-off god, who created the world and then walked away. God is not an uncaring king who doesn’t know the names of His people. God is personal—that means He knows YOU—you as an individual, you as HIS child. He knows your name, he knows things you are good at and things you are not good at. He knows what you like, and what you don’t like. He wants to be your closest friend. God doesn’t need you, but he wants you. He already loves you and cares for you because you are His creation.”

2) Then, assign different people in your group (or family) to read the following passages. Then have the “reader” decide how God demonstrates His personal relationship with us from the verses they read:

Psalm 23:1-2

Psalm 23:3

Psalm 23:4-5

Psalm 23:6

3) Go around the group and have each person answer the following question:
“What difference, to you *personally*, does it make that God is a personal God?”

4) Make it personal!!! Altogether, at the same time, read the entire Psalm 23, have each person substitute their name every time they come to a “my,” “me” or “I”.

5) Have as many group members as are comfortable, share a short prayer of praise to God for His personal love and power in their lives.