

Family Letters, Units 10–12 (Summer Quarter)

# Preschool A



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*Each week's letter encourages families to read together from The Story Bible. This keepsake Bible is available as item 012049 from CPH.*



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## Week 40 Family Letter

# God Provides for His People: The Good Shepherd

(John 10:1–18; Psalm 23)

All by myself, just me.

I'd sigh, "Oh, wee! Wee! Wee!" (*Pretend to cry.*)

But it's not only me. (*Shake head no.*)

My Shepherd never leaves. (*Clap hands.*)

All by myself, alone.

I'd moan and groan and moan. (*Pretend to cry.*)

But I'm not on my own. (*Shake head no.*)

My Shepherd brings me home. (*Clap hands.*)

All by myself, just "I."

I think I'd cry and cry. (*Pretend to cry.*)

It's not just little "I." (*Shake head no.*)

My Shepherd's by my side! (*Clap hands.*)



### Bible Words

**We are His people, and the  
sheep of His pasture.**

Psalm 100:3

Dear Family,

Ask your child to point to the sheep all by itself. How does he or she think it feels? Right! The sheep can't be alone; it needs someone to care for it. The Bible says that we are like sheep. We wander away from God and don't listen to Him. We do what we want to. Think of how you handled the situation the last time your child disobeyed you. You probably were frustrated, but God has mercy. He always forgives us and, in fact, comes searching for us!

Ask your child to point to something dangerous (or scary). If necessary, be more specific and ask him or her to point to the wolf or the ledge. What could happen to the sheep? The wolf could hurt it, or it could fall down. Let your child color the wolf, and remind him or her that the devil tries to hurt us, but Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He protects us! Jesus even gave His life for us so that we wouldn't die forever. Jesus died on the cross so that we would be rescued.

Whenever you find a quiet moment for yourself, remember the quiet and peace our Good Shepherd gives. Read Psalm 23 and think about how God calms our troubled hearts. We *will* go through terrible valleys, but Jesus is always with us. And the mountain vistas, crystal-clear streams, and pleasant pastures on the other side are worth waiting for. We will be with our Guide and Protector forever, in His heavenly land, always by His side, and always enjoying His blessings. Together, read the story on page 367 of *The Story Bible*.



## Week 41 Family Letter

# God's Word Is Powerful: The Parable of the Sower

(Matthew 13:1–23)

Sing to the tune of “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”:

Sprinkle, sprinkle, little seed. (*Pretend to sow seeds.*)

How I know just what you need.

Up above the world so high (*Stretch arms above head.*)

Shines the bright sun in the sky. (*Make a big circle.*) [Or Clouds  
rain water from the sky. (*Wiggle fingers above head.*)]

Sprinkle, sprinkle, little seed. (*Pretend to sow seeds.*)

You will grow, indeed, indeed. (*Nod head yes.*)

Sprinkle, sprinkle God's Word seeds, (*Pretend to sow seeds.*)

Giving life the whole world needs.

God's Word grows up big and tall. (*Stretch arms above head.*)

There are blessings for us all. (*Sweep hand in front of body from  
side to side.*)

Sprinkle, sprinkle God's Word seeds. (*Pretend to sow seeds.*)

We have new life, yes, indeed! (*Nod head yes.*)



### Bible Words

I have stored up Your word  
in my heart.

Psalm 119:11

Dear Family,

Even little children are beginning to understand that plants need sunlight and water to grow. Let your children help with watering, weeding, and taking care of plants as they are able. Can your child point to the bag of seeds and color it in? The Bible story this week is about how seeds grow under the right conditions.

Parables are earthly stories with heavenly meanings, so they are really too difficult for young children to understand. The concept we are reviewing, however, is that God is a loving, caring God who gives us what we need. A farmer does what he can to help his seeds to flourish. God knows what we need and sends the Holy Spirit into our hearts to make our faith grow. The seeds represent God's Word. Through the seed of God's Word, we receive eternal life and salvation. In those who receive it and gladly listen, the seed of God's Word will grow abundantly. Unfortunately, not everyone is ready to listen.

God cares for His children, giving us spiritual food (God's Word, Baptism, and Holy Communion). A farmer waters his crops, fertilizes, takes away rocks, and provides rich soil. We can provide a good foundation (good soil) for our children to grow in their faith by providing important opportunities to hear God's Word now, when they are young. Together, read the Introduction on pages 13–15 of *The Story Bible*.

