



THE THREAD | A PEOPLE RISE. A PEOPLE FALL.

Lesson 6: David And The Psalms

Dear Parents,

Hello again! We are almost halfway through our 13 lessons, looking at the story of Israel seeking to establish itself as a nation, in our study of the big-picture story of the Bible called *The Thread*. This lesson was entitled “David and the Psalms.” We dug into Psalm 23 and helped your teenager get a better understanding of Jesus being the perfect Shepherd who, out of His great love for His children, rescued us once-and-for-all. This poetic view of Jesus as the Great Shepherd reminds us to be aware of the many ways God provides care and protection in our lives. I hope they enjoyed this lesson and that you will have some great discussions with them about what they learned.

Lesson Overview: God cares for us. And that’s active, not just a gushy, emotional idea. He feeds us, clothes us, gives us shelter, and provides training and discipline. He is our caregiver, actively providing, leading, and protecting. As your students read one of the most well-known Bible passages, try to help them consider the ways God’s provision, leadership, and protection have impacted their lives.

What We Want Your Teenager To Learn: Understand that the book of Psalms is a collection of creative expressions of a multitude of emotions written by God’s people and that Jesus is the perfect shepherd who, out of His great love for His children, rescued us once-and-for-all.

What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They’ve Learned: Consider the many ways God provides for them and commit to being more mindful of God’s provision in their life.

Scripture Passages We Studied: Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 16:6-13; John 10:11-15

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

NEXT STEPS...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- If Jesus is your “shepherd,” what is your responsibility as sheep?
- When you read John 10:12, what do you think is a “wolf” that attacks you? (Be prepared to vulnerably share the “wolfy” things in your life to get the discussion started.)
- What experiences have you had that help you trust God to provide, protect, and guide?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I’m praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don’t hesitate to let me know.