



*For families to learn and grow in Jesus*

Lesson for week of June 6, 2021

## Dark Valleys

[Psalm 23:4](#); [Exodus 13:17-22](#)

This week, the section of Psalm 23 reminds us that life can take dark turns...into dark valleys. We need not fear, however. Our Good Shepherd, our Jesus, is with us! He keeps us safe, comforts, and guides us.

The Children of Israel experience the safety, comfort, and guidance of God, too. When they escape from slavery in Egypt and wander through the desert, they face great challenges and seemingly insurmountable roadblocks. But do you know what God does? He protects, comforts, and guides them by becoming a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire.

Read the Psalm and Exodus Bible passages above and rejoice because...

***God is with us in dark times.***



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### Dear Heavenly Father:

You are the Good Shepherd. You keep us safe, comfort us, and guide us. Help us to follow you and not be afraid, especially at times when life gets hard and dark. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so we read your Word and pray each day. Move us to trust that you are with us in dark times and always. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.