

God Beside the Still Waters (Psalm 23:1-2) - Call of the Wild July 9, 2023

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Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? Psalm 139:7

Jesus is our Provider

A Psalm of David. The LORD [is] my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you

surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. Philippians 4:10

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: Philippians

4:11

I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both

to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. Philippians 4:12

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

Jesus is our Rest

He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. **Psalm 23:2** Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **Matthew 11:28** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for

your souls. Matthew 11:29

For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Matthew 11:30

Jesus is our Restoration

He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. **Psalm 23:3** Return to your rest, O my soul, For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. **Psalm 116:7**

This Week's <u>New Testament + Reading Plan:</u>

- 1. Luke 3
- 2. Luke 4
- 3. Luke 5
- 4. Luke 6
- 5. Luke 7
- 6. Isaiah 40
- 7. Prayer & Reflection

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In this series we'll be learning that God is always ready to help us. We will build and knock down "giant" walls, march and blow our horns, and explore how God helped Joshua defeat Jericho.

Memory Verse: God will help us. Genesis 21:22b (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: God helps us when we need help.

Parent Connect: Joshua and the army marched arounf the city 7 times on the 7th day. Practice counting to 7 this week and saying "God helps us when we need help."



In this series, kids will earn each day of creation, the beginning when Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden, and some of the bad choices and bad consequences. The most important things kids will learn is that God still loves us and God keeps all of his promises!

Memory Verse: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

Heart of the Lesson: God made the world.

Parent Connect: Today we learned about God's creation! He made the Heavens, the earth, animals, you and me...He made everything! Use the link to sing a fun song together about God's wonderful creations! <u>LYRICS (Creation Song)</u>



In this series, we will learn how God leads us in many ways. We will also learn how God equips us to handle temptation and when we are afraid. God's love leads us to His heart so that we can build a relationship with Him!

Memory Verse: "I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!" - Psalm 139:7

Heart of the Lesson: God Leads Us Every Day.

Parent Connect: Today's lesson we learned how we cannot go anywhere God will not be with us; on a mountain, deep in the sea, a far distant land—God will be with us every day! God also leads us and provides is strength, joy, and rest. Read Psalm 23:2 together and talk about how God leading us to the stream fulfills us!



In our journey through life, we all find ourselves in different places in different seasons. Sometimes, God might feel close to us, and it's easy to seek him! Other times, God might feel distant, and it might be hard to choose to follow him. This series, we're looking at different times in our life and how they are like nature. By studying these times, we can find encouragement to follow God and share Him with others in that season!

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Heart of the Lesson: Beside Still Waters

Parent Connect: In this series, we are going to be learning about how God is with us everywhere we go—in the mountains and the valleys. Specifically this week, we will be talking about how Jesus is our source of peace, satisfaction, and life. Whether we are in the midst of a storm or resting by peaceful streams, we can trust that Jesus is with us, and He is in control. Find a park with a lake or creek and pray together and thank Jesus that we can trust him.

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CALL OF THE WILD Walking with Jesus in all of life's seasons

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Memory Verse: "How can I get away from your Spirit? Where can I go to escape from you?" Psalm 139:7

Heart of the Lesson: We find rest, satisfaction, and life in Jesus (Psalm 23:1-3).

Parent Connect:

- What three things does God give us according to this Psalm?
- Is the load that Jesus give us heavy or light?
- Is there something hard in your life that you need Jesus to help you with?
- How can you encourage someone else to experience the quietness that Jesus brings to our hearts?

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