

### Lesson 12

# The Good Shepherd

All Scriptures in this lesson are from the New King James Bible

#### To prepare for this lesson, read:

Matthew 18:10-14; Luke 15:1-7; John 10:1-12 Christ our Saviour, pages 71-75

We are familiar with the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, which describes Jesus as the good shepherd, but not so many are familiar with the Old Testament prophecies that speak of the Good Shepherd. **Read Ezekiel 34:11-16 and Isaiah 40:11.** 

What does Jesus tell us about Himself as our Shepherd? John 10:14 & 27

"I am the \_\_\_\_\_\_; and a I \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_, and am known of My own." "My \_\_\_\_\_\_ hear My \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and they follow Me:"

**Does the shepherd know each sheep by name?** John 10:3, last phrase

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Finish each word in this verse to read the answer.

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How well does Jesus know each one of us? Isaiah 43:1, second half

Finish each word in this verse to read the answer.

"...F\_\_\_\_n\_, f\_\_\_Ih\_\_\_r\_\_\_y\_\_; Ih\_\_\_\_c\_\_\_\_y\_\_\_b\_y\_\_\_n\_\_; Y\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_M\_\_\_." What did Jesus ask Peter to do for the "flock" the people? John 21:15-17

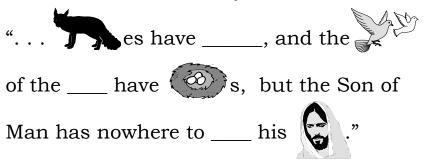
Write the three last words in each verse.

John 21:15	
John 21:16	
John 21:17	

As Jesus compared Himself – the Good Shepherd – with the shepherds who sometimes lost their lives taking care of the sheep, what did Jesus say? John 10:15

Was the life of our Good Shepherd – Jesus – an easy life? Matthew 8:20

Read this text with the help of the pictures, and fill in the blanks where necessary.



The work of a shepherd is not easy. What did Jacob, who cared for his father-in-law's flocks, say about the way he forgot his own comfort in caring for the sheep? Genesis 31:40

Use the alphabet code below to decode the answer.

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"The shepherd watched his charge, knowing that it was at the peril of his own life." *The Desire of Ages*, page 479.

What other shepherd are we told about in the Old Testament story who took risks to keep his sheep safe? 1 Samuel 17:34-36

Unscramble the name of the shepherd.

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#### And what animals did he protect his sheep from?

Circle the animals the correctly answer the question



What would the shepherd do if one sheep was missing? Matthew 18:12, 13; Luke 15:4, 5

Use the code on page 4 to decode the answer.

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### What does the shepherd exclaim once he has found the one lost sheep? Luke 15:6

Use the alphabet code below to decode the answer.

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What does Jesus do for those of us who loose our way spiritually? Matthew 18:11

Use the code on page 4 to find the answer to this question.

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## What is the good shepherd willing to do? John 10:11

Fill in the vowels to read the answer.

Like any good shepherd, what does Jesus do when a lost sheep is found? Matthew 18:13 and Luke 15:6 & 7

Unscramble the word to find the answer.

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Draw a line to match the miracle with the reference as we look at a sampling of some of Jesus' miracles.

Blind receive sight	Mark 7:32-36
Dead raised to life	Mark 1:23-26
Deaf hear	Matthew 14:22-33
Devils cast out	Mark 8:22-26
Lame walk	Luke 5:17-26
Lepers cleansed	John 11:1-46
Paralytic made whole	John 5:2-23
Walk on water	Luke 17:11-19

### Lesson Review

#### Word Search

Find the following words from this lesson and circle them or draw a line through them as you find them in the diagram. Words may run in any direction, but in straight lines.

BIRDS, CALLED, ASTRAY. BEAR, CARE. DROUGHT, EASY, EYES, FATHER. COMFORT, FOUND. FOXES. FROST, GOOD FLOCK. SHEPHERD, HOLES, HOME, HUNDRED, JACOB, JESUS, LAMBS, LEAVE, LIFE, LION, LOST, MINE, NAME, NESTS, NIGHT, NINETY NINE, PEOPLE, PERIL, PROPHECIES, REDEEMED, REJOICING, SAVE, SHEEP, SON OF MAN, VOICE, WILDERNESS

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Now that you have found and marked all the words from the word list, you will see there are 15 letters that were not used which spell a hidden message. Starting at the top, read each line left to right and add each unused letter to the lines on the next page to spell the hidden message.

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