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Scripture Verses for the Week:

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- John 10:27-28 (TNIV)

- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
- Commit to memory.

Prayer for this Week:

Jesus my Shepherd: Please give me ears that listen to you, a mind that seeks you, and a heart that follow you. Amen. (John 10:27)

For Throughout the Day:

"Lord, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me." (Psalm 23:4)

A Blessing to Share:

May God's goodness and love be with you each day of your life, and may you live in God's house forever. Amen. (Psalm 23:6)

Mealtime Refrain:

The Lord is our Shepherd: **We shall not want.** (Psalm 23:1)

Mealtime Prayer:

Shepherd God, we have all we need –
Your staff to guide and your voice to heed. Thanks be to you!
Amen.

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Faith Talk:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Where do you feel safe? Why?
- Jesus calls us his sheep, and says that no one can snatch us away from his hand. What do you think he means?
- In what ways do you experience Jesus as your Good Shepherd?

Devotional Practices:

Traditionally, Good Shepherd Sunday is associated with prayers for people who are serving in specific ministry roles in the church. Use your home devotion times this week to pray for those God uses to shepherd his people – here are some suggestions for each day:

- Monday: Denominational Church Leaders
- Tuesday: Pastors
- Wednesday: Christian Teachers or Educators
- Thursday: Church Musicians
- Friday: Missionaries and Evangelists
- Saturday: Chaplains of various types

Service:

In Acts 9:36-43 we read of a Christian lady named Dorcas who was “always doing good and helping the poor”. Designate this week “Dorcas Week” in your home. Donate some grocery items to a food pantry helping the poor, or plan a way to raise funds for a charity assisting the poor in your community.

Rituals and Traditions:

A good tradition to develop in a Christian home is that of scripture memorization. When household members work together to memorize bible verses, they are able to support and encourage one another, and even come to relish the challenge. This week, aim to memorize Psalm 23 (6 verses) as a household. Start by learning the first verse, and then add a verse each day. Decide on a reward to enjoy together once you have met the challenge. As an additional activity, rewrite the Psalm as a household, using images that are relevant and meaningful to you.

Parent Toolbox:

Parenting is sometimes referred to as “shepherding”. Like shepherds, parents guide, protect and care for their children. But the first calling of each Christian parent is not to be a shepherd, but a sheep – to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and to follow him. Without the care of Christ, we are easily lost ... and a lost shepherd is of little use to their flock!

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