



Biblical Drama based on Psalm 23
Character Parts: Narrators 1-7, David, People, Jesus

Narrator 1: The Book of Psalms, found in the Old Testament of the Bible, is a book that contains the songs that the people of Israel used to worship God.

Narrator 2: Some of the psalms are happy and some are sad, but all of them talk about how God is real and helps us in our lives.

Narrator 3: Many of the psalms in the Bible were written by King David. In one of David's psalms, he remembered what it was like when he was a boy taking care of sheep. David said that God is like a shepherd who takes care of all his people.

David: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures;

David: He leads me beside still waters;

People: He restores my soul.

David: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

People: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

David: For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

People: You prepare a table before me in front of my enemies;

David: You anoint my head with oil;

People: My cup overflows.

David: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

People: And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Narrator 4: Many years later, when Jesus came into the world, he used the same example of the shepherd to speak about himself.

Jesus: I am the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Narrator 5: Jesus was talking about the fact that he was going to give up his life for us on the cross, so that we could be saved from sin. There is no one else who could do this for us. Jesus explained:

Jesus: The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

But I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. *(From John 10:11-15.)*

Narrator 6: Jesus also talked about how he was going to bring more people together in faith, so that he would be the Good Shepherd of all people.

Jesus: I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. *(From John 10:16.)*

Narrator 7: Because the Lord Jesus is our Good Shepherd, we trust and believe in him, and follow him wherever he leads us.

People: The Lord is *my* shepherd, too!