

YOUNG CHILDREN and WORSHIP ***“The Good Shepherd”***

This Sunday, our Sunday School led worship and introduced a new program to our congregation called “Young Children and Worship,” which will be our new Sunday School curriculum.

“Young Children and Worship” is a program curriculum that presents a joyful way for children to worship God. It invites children and adults to experience the wonder and mystery of God through a unique storytelling format and multi-sensory materials.

The first lesson is based on Psalm 23:

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

**² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,**

³ he refreshes my soul.

**He guides me along the right paths
for his name’s sake.**

**⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,^[a]**

**I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

**⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.**

**You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

**⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.**

“Young Children and Worship” is designed for three to seven year olds but it can be used with people of all ages. This program is presented in churches, classrooms, and Sunday schools across America, as well as in South Africa, England, South Korea, Mexico, Australia, Canada, and Japan. It has been used with children up until sixth grade, in nursing homes, and in hospitals.

We are excited about this new program and proceeding with God's word in a format that is understandable to our children, and prompts in them a sense of wonder and reflection on our Christian beliefs.

