

Dear Reader:

Thank you for reading *The Shepherd and His Lamb* with your child. I developed the questions below as a resource to promote conversation and learning with each illustration. Depending on the age and development of children, some questions might be too difficult or too simple. Use your best judgement and know these are only a few to help you get started.

There are many ways to use the questions. You might choose to begin by looking at all the illustrations and asking some questions first to get them thinking, before reading the story with the child. You may want to discuss the pictures while reading the story. Or you could read the book first, then go back through and talk about each illustration with the questions provided. Children like repetition. Read it together over and over again. Eventually, the child will be able to finish the sentences or phrases in the story for you.

So much learning can be done with one book. Your help in their development is critically impactful. Consider their spiritual development as well. Understanding that Jesus is our Good Shepherd can start at a very early age. I am still learning how much I am like a lamb, and how I can trust Jesus to be my shepherd.

With Love & Appreciation,

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Cover:

The title of this book is “*The Shepherd and His Lamb*.” What do you think it might be about?

Where is the shepherd in the picture? What do you think a shepherd does?

Do you know any shepherds?

Where is the lamb in the picture? Where could we see a real lamb?

First Illustration of grandparent reading to boy:

What is a flock? Can you think of other names for groups of different animals?

Who do you think the people are in the bottom picture?

What are they doing?

What is the boy holding?

What do you think is happening in the “cloud” picture?

Illustration of shepherd with flock at the water:

Why would the shepherd have to lead the sheep to water and to grass?

Illustration of Shepherd on rock:

Why do you think the lamb left the others in the pasture?
What danger is nearby that the stray lamb can't see?
What does the shepherd have in his hand? (staff) What would he use it for?
What do you think the shepherd is getting ready to do in this picture?

Illustration of shepherd calling the sheep from the pasture:

Point to and read the names of the sheep.
Which lamb is Jasper? (the one running)
Where are Buttercream, Onyx, and Eunice?
Why do you think the shepherd is calling the names of the sheep?

Illustration of shepherd reading to the sheep:

When the shepherd speaks, the sheep listen. What is the shepherd doing in this picture? (reading) What do you think he is reading?
How are the sheep behaving?
When grown-ups speak to you, what should you do?
Why should you listen?

Illustration of three parts- applying oil for flies, helping the sheep up, and sheep shearing:

Shepherds must do a lot for their sheep.
What do you think the shepherd is doing in the top picture? What is he pouring? How would sheep get the flies away from their face without the shepherd?

What is happening in the middle picture? (The shepherd is helping the sheep to get off their back and stand on their legs.)
Sometimes sheep get stuck on their back and cannot get up by themselves, (especially pregnant ones.) Was there ever a time you needed someone's help to stand?

What is happening in the bottom picture? Why would they need their wool cut?
(Wool gets heavy. Too much wool could make them unable to walk.)
When do you rely on someone else to do something for you?

Illustration of shepherd moving a rock:

What is happening in this picture?
Why is the shepherd moving the rock?
Could the sheep move the rock themselves?

Illustration of shepherd carrying lamb across the stream:

What is happening in this picture?
Why is the shepherd carrying the lamb across?
When do you need carried?

Illustration with snakes in grass:

Is this a good place for the sheep to eat the grass? Why?
Sometimes we need warning signs to keep us safe. Where else do you see warning signs?

Illustration of sheep in barn with storm clouds:

How is the shepherd keeping his flock safe in this picture?

Illustration with lion on hill:

Is the lion a danger to the sheep?

What do you think the shepherd is doing in this picture?

If the sheep keep their eyes on the shepherd, they will not be as fearful of the lion, and they'll follow him to safety. When we are afraid who can we look to for help?

Illustration of waiting for rain to stop:

Why are the sheep waiting under a rock with the shepherd?

Are there times you must wait on something? If so, when?

Do you like to wait?

Do heavy rains last forever? What do you think will happen when the heavy rain stops?

Illustration of dog playing frisbee:

What is happening in this picture?

What game are the dog and shepherd playing?

What do the sheep wish, or long, to be able to do that they can't?

Is there something you wish you could do that you can't?

Illustration of shepherd washing the sheep:

What is the shepherd doing for the dirty sheep?

What is on top of the hill?

Do those three crosses remind you of anything?

Final illustration:

Why is the shepherd so big in this picture?

In the Bible, Jesus is sometimes called our "good shepherd."

How is Jesus our shepherd?

Why can we trust Jesus to be our shepherd?

