

National Youth Sunday 2016
Mountains or Valleys, the Lord is Our Shepherd (Psalm 23)
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Person 1: Hey! We're going to the grocery store can we get you anything?

Person 2: Yeah, we're going to get some food to make dinner.

Person 3: The Lord is my shepherd! I don't need a thing.

1: Oookay? I was thinking steak and salad but—

3: (*Interrupts*) He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me besides quiet waters and refreshes my soul.

2: That's great and all, but we're trying to make a list here.

1: And you are NOT helping.

3: He guides me along the right paths. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I am not afraid because he is by my side, and his trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

2: I'm happy for you, but where is all of this coming from?

1: Shepherd's crook... what? I guess lamb sounds pretty good...

2: Focus! We need to get going; the store closes soon.

3: He prepares a feast for me in the presence of my enemies and revives me.

2: Yeah, and *we're* trying prepare feast for us... you know, your friends here?

1: Wait. I think I get it. You aren't hungry right now?

3: My cup brims with blessings, for God's beauty and love chase after me every day of my life.

1: You're not thirsty, either? I was thinking chocolate milk. It goes with everything.

2: Seriously, the *store* isn't going to chase after *us*.

3: I'm trying to tell you that God is here to guide us all through darkness and light; to care for us when we struggle to care for ourselves, and that we are ALWAYS welcome in the house of God, forever.

1: Well, why didn't you just say so in the first place?

2: I get it. God in a way is metaphorically feeding us with blessings?

1: And he will walk besides us in good times, and guide us during the dark times?

3: Yes! Now you guys are getting it.

1: Cool, but I'm still hungry. All this "The Lord is my shepherd" talk is making my crave shepherd's pie. Why do you guys think?

3: Sounds good, all that scripture talk has made me so hungry!

2: Alrighty! Let's all go before the store closes.

(All exit.)