

National Youth Sunday 2016

Mountains or Valleys, the Lord is Our Shepherd (Psalm 23)

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Cast: Kid 1, Kid 2, Stranger, Jesus

(scene begins with 2 kids waking up, trapped in a valley)

Kid 1: Hey, Hey wake up!

Kid 2: What?! What happened!?

Kid 1: *(looking around)* I think we are stuck in this valley.

Kid 2: How did we get in here?

Kid 1: I'm not sure.

(Kid 1 and Kid 2 pause, both looking around and thinking.)

Stranger: *(from a distance)* I think I can help!

Kid 1: Please do!

Kid 2: Where are we?!

Stranger: *(joining them)* We are in the valley of your brain.

(pause)

Kid 2: The “valley of our brain”?

Stranger: Yes, see you put yourselves in mental valleys when you doubt, worry, or fear.

Kid 1: Ohhhhh!! So this is all an analogy?!

Stranger: Haha, Yes it is. But it is to show us just how important it is to have faith!

Kid 1: Wow this makes sense!

Kid 2: Yeah... this is great and all but how do we get out of this depressing valley we are stuck in?

Stranger: Oh that is simple! But you may have some trouble completing the task.

Kid 2: What's the task?

Stranger: You must act as sheep!

(Kid 1 and Kid 2 look at each other for a second and then proceed to get down on all 4's and begin acting like sheep.)

Stranger: Whoa whoa! Not that kind of sheep! You must allow Jesus to be your shepherd!

Kid 1: *(frustrated)* Oh and how do we do that? Just go up to Jesus and say "hey shepherd, lead me from this valley?!"

Jesus: *(from afar, coming into sight)* Or you may just follow me.

Kid 2: Whoa! I'm not about to just follow some strange person!

Kid 1: Yeah really! Who do you think you are?!

Stranger: Uhh...that's Jesus!

(Jesus just smiles and waves)

Kid 2: *(embarrassed)* Oh I'm sorry... We would love to follow you!

Jesus: *(Now leading the other 3 on a walk around the "stage")* Even though you walk through the darkest valley, I am your shepherd. I will lead you by still water. *(The others lay down)* I will rest your soul, for you shall fear no evil! *(Motions them together for a group hug)* I will always be here to comfort you!

(pause)

Kid 1: *(turns around to be amazed)* Hey look! We are no longer in the valley!

Kids 2: *(looking over "the edge")* No, but rather on top of a mountain!

Stranger: It's a beautiful view... too bad it is just an analogy!

Kid 1: *(turns around)* Thank you, Jesus!

Jesus: I am always here for you. Follow me and you will never be lost!

Kid 2: What if I forget all the things you said you would lead me through?

Jesus: *(hands them a Bible)* Just read Psalm 23 if you forget.

Kid 1, Kid 2, Stranger:

(As Jesus leaves) Thanks again for leading us from the valley to this mountaintop!

Jesus: *(waving)* I love you my children!

Kid 1: *(as they are exiting)* It is nice to know all we have to do is follow Jesus and we will never end up in that valley again!

Stranger: Sometimes that is easier said than done.

Kid 2: True, but we have this book *(holding up the Bible)* to help guide us!



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