

# VINTAGE ADVENTURE

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Dear friends,

Welcome to another Vintage Adventure!

As I write this it is a bright sunny morning with the promise of a nice day ahead. Of course life is not always like that - sometimes we know we have struggles to face. Maybe we feel lonely and wish we could have someone to share things with.

Our theme this month is THE GOOD SHEPHERD, a reminder of God's care for us in both the good and difficult times.

So, brew yourself a drink, sit down and take some time to enjoy what the pack has to offer. If you're like me you won't start at the beginning but will dip in randomly to immerse yourself in the theme - playing with word searches or colouring can be a good way of calming your mind and then you may be ready to come back to the reflective material.

It is quite likely that you know the twenty third psalm by heart. Many of us learned it as children. The story is told of two children who were left to learn it by heart. "The Lord is my shepherd." said one confidently. Then he turned to the other and said, "Is he yours?"

That's a good question for each of us to ponder. Do we accept God as the one who cares for us whatever else is happening in our lives?

Jesus assured us of his love for each of us individually when he told a story of a shepherd with 100 sheep who went looking for the one who had gone off on its own. (You can read about it in Matthew's gospel, chapter 18)

You matter to God.

Enjoy spending time with Him.

We hope this pack will encourage you.

*Love from Chris and all the Caraway team*

# WORSHIP

“ I am the Good Shepherd. ”

## Opening verse

*"I am the Good Shepherd. The good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep". John 10:11*

## Prayer

Lord God, our Heavenly Father, we thank you that out of your Father's love for us you sent Jesus to be our Shepherd. He not only nourishes us with your word but is our defender against sin, death and all evil. Pour out your Spirit upon us that we may trust him more, seek help and comfort in him and recognize his voice as he calls us to follow him, in this world and along the path he has prepared for us into eternal life. In Jesus name. Amen

## Hymn

The King of Love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never,  
I nothing lack if I am His,  
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me,  
And on His shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight,  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever.

Henry Williams Baker

## **Reading: Psalm 23**

*The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 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.*

## **Short reflection on last verse**

In amongst life's difficulties it can sometimes feel that trouble and upset can follow us around! But the word of God says no, this is simply not true. We are to believe by faith that it is goodness and love that follow us all the days of our lives until we go to be with the Lord forever.

## Prayer

Father of all grace and comfort, we praise your name for your wonderful words of comfort and your promise that nothing can ever pluck us from your hand. Thank you that no matter what we do, you will restore us and lead us along life's path, for the honour of your name. Keep us, we pray, from wandering far from you and may all we do, from this day forward, be to your honour and glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

## Bible verse

*Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give them eternal life and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of my hand".* John 10:27-28



## Short reflection

It is good to remember that as Paul says in Romans 8:38-39, '... That neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord'.

## Hymn

*I will sing the wondrous story verses 1, 2 and 6*

I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me,  
How he left his home in glory for the cross of Calvary

*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me,  
sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.*

I was lost, but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray.  
Threw his loving arms around me, drew me back into his way.

He will keep me till the river rolls it's waters at my feet.  
Then he'll bear me safely over, where the loved ones I shall meet.

Francis H Rowley (1886)

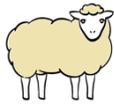
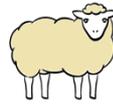
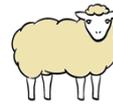
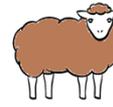
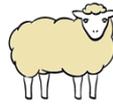
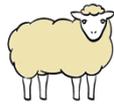
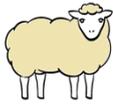
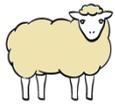
## Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is on Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen

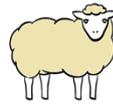
## Final prayer of blessing

Be our Shepherd, O Lord, and bless us with all good things that we may be  
refreshed with your overflowing cup and dwell in your house for ever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

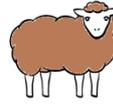
And may the blessing of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy  
Spirit be with us and all whom we love, now and forever. Amen



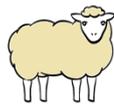
## THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD



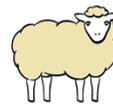
**The Lord is my Shepherd – *that's relationship!***



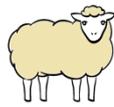
**I shall not be in want – *that's supply!***



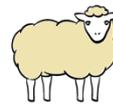
**He makes me lie down in green pastures – *that's rest!***



**He leads me beside quiet waters – *that's refreshment!***

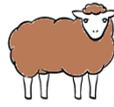


**He restores my soul – *that's healing!***

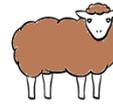


**He guides me in paths of righteousness**

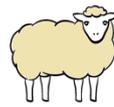
**– *that's guidance!***



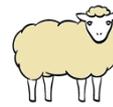
**For His name's sake – *that's purpose!***



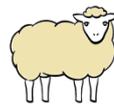
**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow**



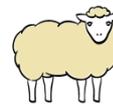
**of death – *that's testing!***



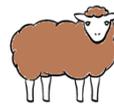
**I will fear no evil – *that's protection!***



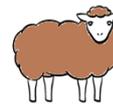
**For you are with me – *that's faithfulness!***



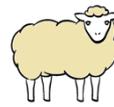
**Your rod and your staff they comfort me**



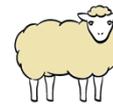
**– *that's discipline!***



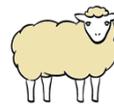
**You prepare a table before me in the presence of**



**my enemies – *that's hope!***



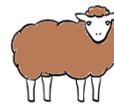
**You anoint my head with oil – *that's consecration!***



**My cup overflows – *that's abundance!***



**Surely goodness and love will follow me all the**



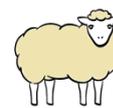
**days of my life – *that's blessing!***



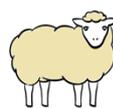
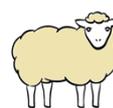
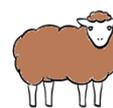
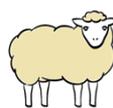
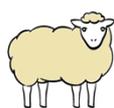
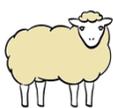
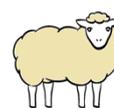
**And I will dwell in the house of the Lord**

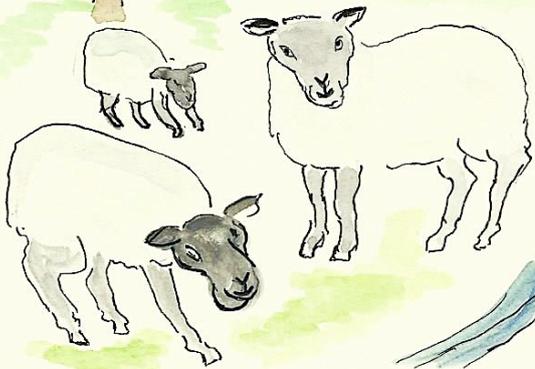
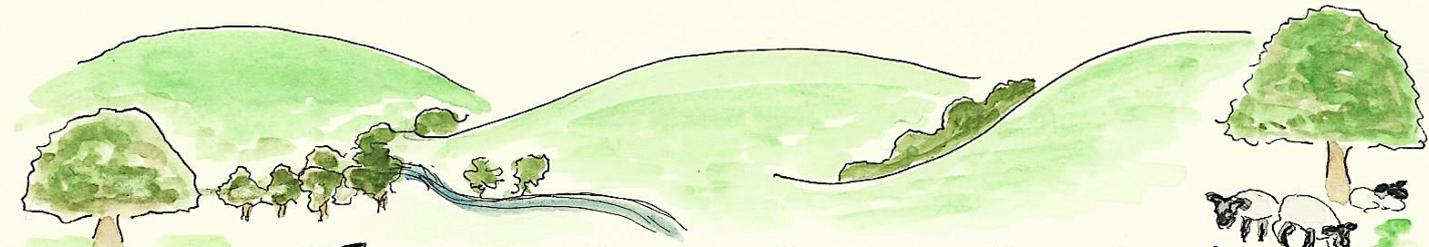


**– *that's security!***

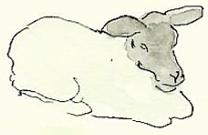


**For ever – *that's eternity!***

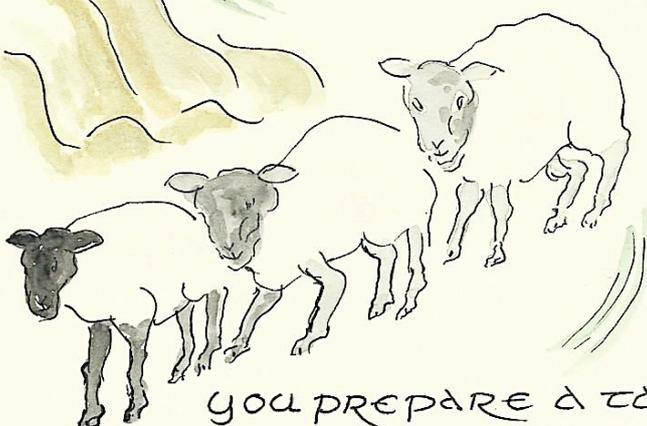
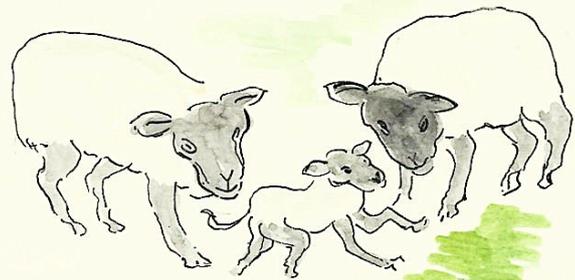




THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD  
I SHALL NOT BE IN WANT  
HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN  
IN GREEN PASTURES  
HE LEADS ME  
BESIDE STILL WATERS

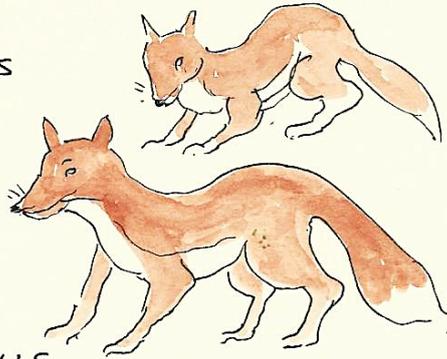


HE RESTORES MY SOUL  
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FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE

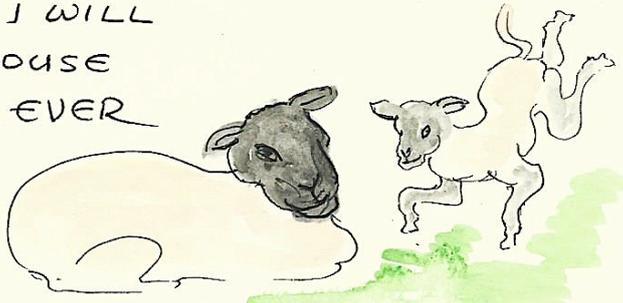


EVEN THOUGH I WALK  
THROUGH THE VALLEY  
OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH  
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL  
FOR YOU ARE WITH ME  
YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF  
THEY COMFORT ME

YOU PREPARE A TABLE FOR ME  
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YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL  
MY CUP OVERFLOWS



SURELY GOODNESS  
AND MERCY SHALL  
FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS  
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DWEELL IN THE HOUSE  
OF THE LORD FOR EVER



# PSALM 23 BRACELET

*Sometimes it is helpful to have something to hold or touch as we are talking to GOD. Why not make a little string of nine coloured beads which you can even turn into a bracelet? Throughout the day, whenever you happen to touch a bead, or notice one of the colours, let it remind you of GOD's great love for you*



*The Lord's my shepherd, I shall not want—*

in the West we drive our sheep in front of us but in the Holy Land, shepherds always **go in front of their sheep who follow the shepherd** – an image of what we are trying to do, when we are seeking to follow where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

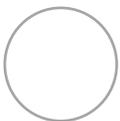


*He makes me lie down in green pastures –*

this shows how much our Shepherd loves us. He wants us to simply 'be' & rest in Him. To what extent do we seek stillness to be with Jesus? Can we make some time each day to pause in our daily activity just to be quiet for a moment with GOD?



*He leads me beside still waters* – sheep prefer quiet, still water to running streams – an image of **God's care for each one of us and of our need to take breaks** from the over-connectedness of 21<sup>st</sup> century life.



*He restores my soul – He guides me in the paths of righteousness* a promise that our **wellbeing is His priority** and that **GOD will bless us** if we truly do our best to follow the Spirit's leading.



*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.* The Shepherd goes ahead in our darkest times – in The Holy Land the ravines and mountain passes were dangerous with very steep sides and little light. God's Holy Spirit is alongside and will **never let us go**. Tell Jesus about anything that is troubling you.

*Your rod and your staff they comfort me –*

Good shepherds had a big stick to protect their sheep, banging it on the side of the ravines so the sheep could hear them, even though they could not see them. Our way ahead may not be clear but God is ahead of us as we **surrender to His will and leading**. We can **leave our anxieties with Him**.

*You prepare a table before me. You anoint my head with oil –*

as the sheep came into the fold the shepherd checked each one for illness or injury and treated them with oil or balm. **Confess your shortcomings and ask Jesus to pour out His love & forgiveness on you anew**.

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life –*

purple is a royal colour, reminding us of our destination, when all will be well. Let us **receive GOD'S forgiveness and thank Him for His free gift of salvation and peace with Him**.

*and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

If a sheep was too frail the shepherd would take that sheep from the flock **back to his own home to care for it and restore it there** rather than leave it in the pen. The red bead symbolises **God's great and everlasting love for us**.



## SEARCH AND RESCUE !

*God is in the business of search and rescue! As you fill in the missing phrases in these verses, may you know that Jesus is your Good Shepherd. He saved us, at the great cost of His own life. What amazing grace!*

Know that \_\_\_\_\_ . It is He who made us, and we are His;  
\_\_\_\_\_, the sheep of His pasture. (Psalm 100:3)

We all, like sheep, have \_\_\_\_\_ , each of us has turned to \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
and the Lord has laid on Him [Jesus] the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

I am \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ lays down his life for the  
sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not \_\_\_\_\_. So  
when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then  
the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a  
hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am \_\_\_\_\_ ; I  
know my sheep and \_\_\_\_\_ - just as \_\_\_\_\_ and I  
know the Father -and I lay down my life for the sheep. (John 10:11-15)

Come let us \_\_\_\_\_ , let us kneel before \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 95:6-7)

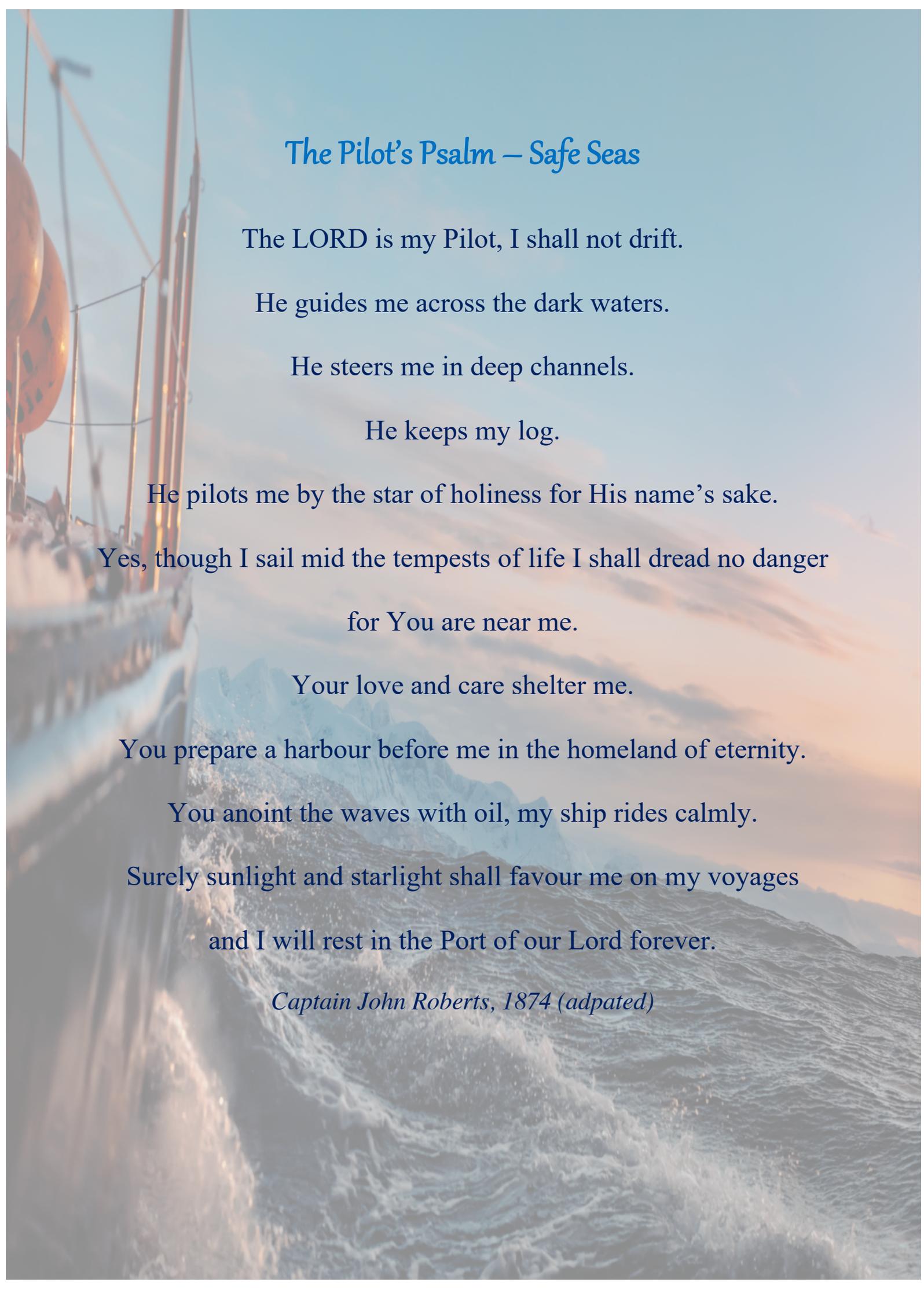
the Father knows me                      our own way                      flock under His care  
the Lord our Maker                      the Lord is God                      the good shepherd (x 3)  
bow down in worship                      gone astray                      we are His people  
my sheep know me                      own the sheep

*Do check the verses in your Bible to see if you have recognised the right  
phrases (answers on the back page)*

*See how deeply Jesus cares for you, as you meditate on these verses.*

**Let us worship our Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd**





## The Pilot's Psalm – Safe Seas

The LORD is my Pilot, I shall not drift.

He guides me across the dark waters.

He steers me in deep channels.

He keeps my log.

He pilots me by the star of holiness for His name's sake.

Yes, though I sail mid the tempests of life I shall dread no danger

for You are near me.

Your love and care shelter me.

You prepare a harbour before me in the homeland of eternity.

You anoint the waves with oil, my ship rides calmly.

Surely sunlight and starlight shall favour me on my voyages

and I will rest in the Port of our Lord forever.

*Captain John Roberts, 1874 (adpated)*

# WORDSEARCH

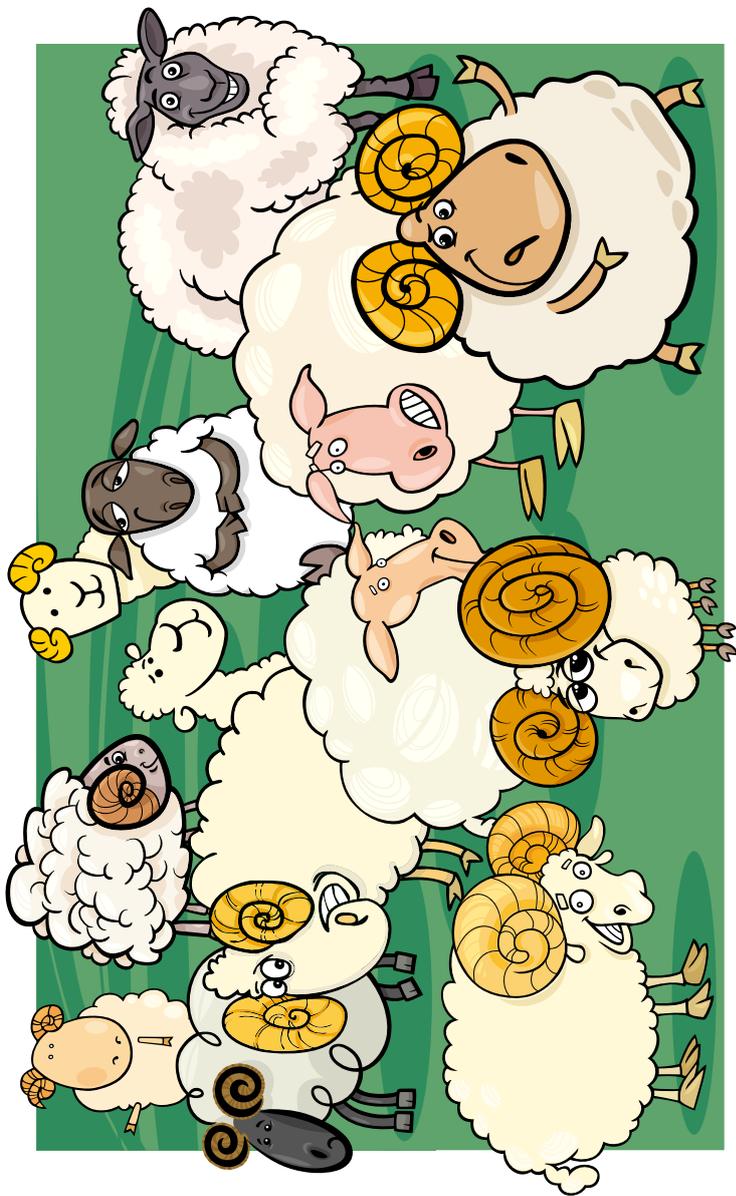
The Good Shepherd – John 10

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# FIND 7 DIFFERENCES





## Search and Rescue – Completed Verses

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We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on Him [Jesus] the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the Father - and I lay down my life for the sheep. (John 10:11-15)

Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.  
(Psalm 95:6-7)

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