



### Here's what happens...

In this section of Psalm 23, things take a dark turn...into dark valleys. But God, our shepherd, is still there with us! The Israelites have a hard time when they escape from slavery in Egypt and wander through a desert. But God shows he's with them through pillars of cloud and fire.

### Bible Point:

God is with us in hard times.

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need"  
(Psalm 23:1).*

### Through the Week

- Get a cotton ball for each person in your family.
- Read Psalm 23 together.
- Give your cotton ball "sheep" names.
- Review Exodus 13:17-22 together to see how a cotton ball can also remind you of the cloud that represented God's presence with the Israelites.
- Carry your sheepy clouds with you all week as a reminder that our shepherd, God, is always with us. You might put them in a pocket, purse, or backpack.

### Church Announcements

### Talk About This...

- What things in your life feel hardest right now?