

PSALM 23 CREATIVE STATIONS

Let children absorb and engage with Psalm 23 as they make their way through different stations. As the children are moving around from station to station, you might like to stagger the start time, so they have time and space to enjoy each station.

Station 1: Sheep

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

You will need

- Green A2 card
- Cotton wool balls
- googly eyes
- pens



Instructions

As each child comes to the station, get them to stick on a ball of cotton wool to the card and draw on 4 legs to make a sheep. Stick on a googly eye if you have them. As this is the first station, you may want to stagger the start time of the activity

Station 2: Blanket

He makes me lie down in green pastures

You will need

- Blankets
- Cushions



Instructions

Create a quiet space with blankets and cushions for the children to lie down on. A green blanket would be great, if you had one!

Station 3: Paddling Pool

He leads me beside quiet waters,

You will need

- Buckets or a paddling pool
- Water
- Towels
- Rubber duck



Instructions

Fill the paddling pool or buckets with water, float some rubber ducks in the water, and have towels close by to dry feet. Put chairs around the buckets for children to sit on and rest their feet in the cool water. You could have a soundtrack of birdsong or nature playing, if you want to add atmosphere!

Station 4: Drink Station

He refreshes my soul.

You will need

- Cups of water



Instructions

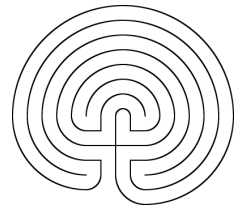
Like a refreshing drink on a hot day, God refreshes our soul when we are tired, fed up or lonely. Take a drink and rest in God's loving arms.

Station 5: Labyrinth

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

You will need

- Chalk
- *or* labyrinths/mazes printed out, and pens



Instructions

Mark out a labyrinth *or* maze on the ground outside, depending on the space you have and leaders for supervision. If this is not an option, set up a table with some labyrinths *or* mazes for children to do. For more ideas about labyrinths, see www.strandz.org.nz/prayer

Station 6: Tunnel

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 will need

Blankets and chairs to set up a tunnel that the children crawl through. You may have a pop up tunnel from a preschool group that you can use. You can add little lights or glowsticks along the way to show them the way and that they are not lost.

Station 7: Banquet Table

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

You need

- Table
- 4 chairs
- Table cloth
- Popcorn, lollies or a birthday cake - use your own discernment re: food allergies or intolerances in your group. You want this to look like a banquet or a party!



Instructions

Set up the table to look like a party table. Let the children sit down and enjoy some treats before heading onto the next station. If you have a lot of children in your group, perhaps you would have simple party bags with a few treats in for each person.

Station 8: God's house

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.

You will need

- Ice-cream sticks
- card/paper
- glue
- pens



Instructions

Make a simple house shape out of ice-cream sticks and stick to the paper. Draw a picture of yourself living in God's house forever - perhaps you can draw a picture of you looking old! Will you have grey hair? Will you have a big family?

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