

# GOD, MY SHEPHERD

## Psalm 23

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### Big Idea :

God leads his people like a shepherd and welcomes them like a friend; he provides for, protects and blesses them.

### Aim :

To teach that God's people can trust him to look after and care for them in all situations.

# FEAR FACTOR

**Go through the slides and discuss**

Talk about what the children do when they have to face one of those fears.

What makes them feel better?

Who does this for them?

Do they find a parent or another adult?

We often feel safest when we know that someone is in control and is able to protect us.

Today's Bible lesson is a song about a shepherd who is always with his sheep to keep them safe and protect them.





# Bad weather/storm





## Being left home alone



## Bad marks at school



The news



## Getting sick



## Falling off your bike



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## The dark



# JOB DESCRIPTION

Read out the descriptions one at a time and ask the children to guess what job you are talking about.

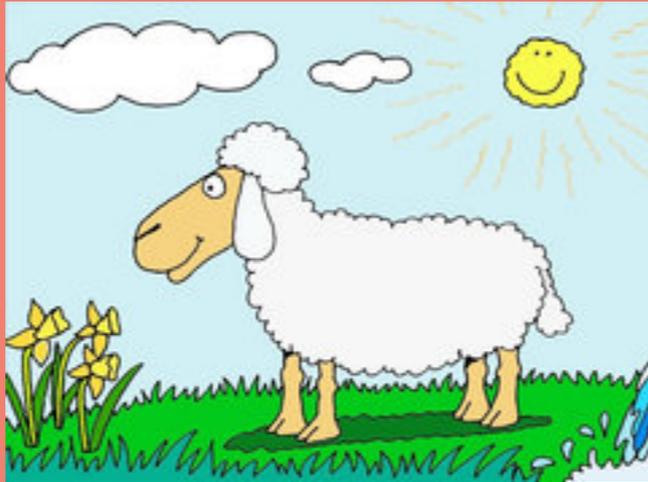
Today's Bible lesson is a song about a shepherd and how he looks after his sheep.

1. You go to this person if you have toothache.
2. You go to this person if you need glasses to see clearly.
3. This person looks after you when you are flying.
4. Before a house is built, this person draws the plans.
5. When your tap or toilet doesn't work you call this person.
6. This person writes articles for a newspaper or magazine.
7. This person works in a place where you borrow books
8. This person cleans your house.
9. This person cuts and styles woman's hair.
10. A person you go to if you are in danger.
11. Cares for, leads and protects sheep

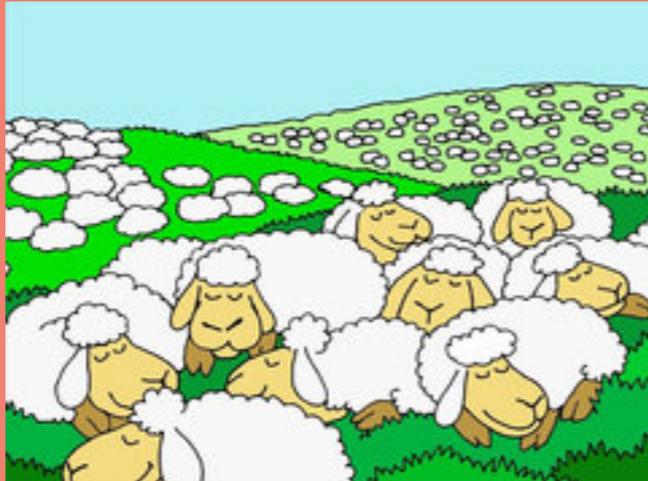
READ THE

STORY

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
This means the Lord will care for all my needs in every way, And He will care for me always for my good, even if there are times when it doesn't look that way.



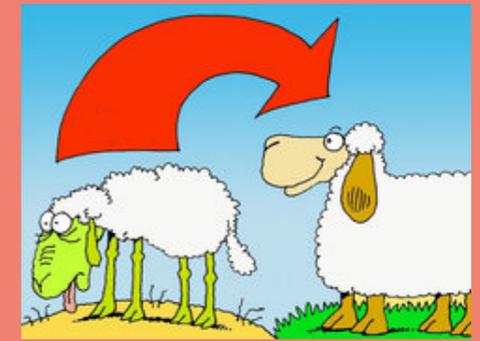
2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures. Sheep usually lie down when they feel safe and satisfied. This means that normally I am contented because all my needs have been met.



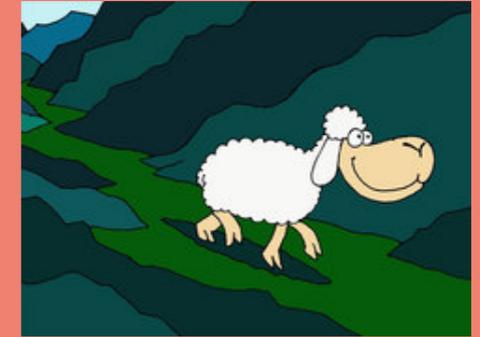
3 He leads me beside the still waters. Sheep don't like drinking water if it is rushing and bubbling. This means God cares about every detail of my needs.



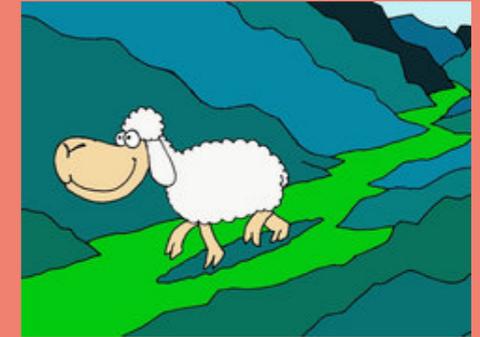
4 He restores my soul. Disobedience is not good for me and will cause me harm. A good shepherd loves his sheep and makes a way for them to grow strong, and healthy.



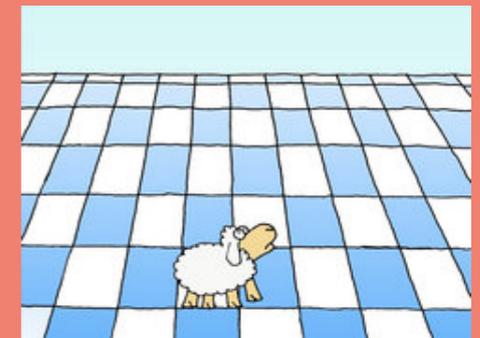
5 He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. The paths of righteousness are the right ways. God wants me to do what is right, and be obedient.



6 Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I will fear no evil. Now that I am a Christian, death is just a shadow. Before I became a Christian death was a horrible dread, but now it has faded into a harmless shadow.



7 For You are with me. I cannot see You, but I see my prayers being answered. In every place, all through my life, you are in charge. Even when it feels I am alone, you are watching over me.



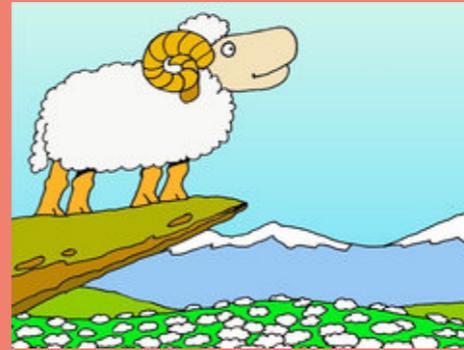
8 Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. God has a rod for defending me, and He uses a staff for rescuing me. The rod is a stick for striking my enemies, and the staff is a hook for pulling me out of trouble.



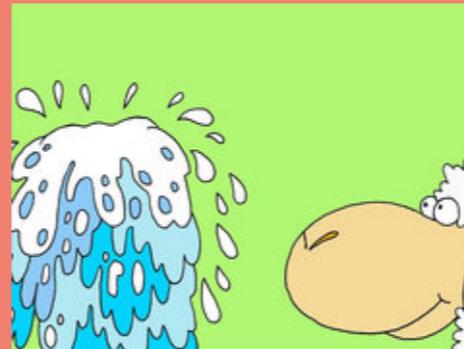
9 You prepare a table before me in the midst of my enemies. Even in the worst troubles, Your love can fill my heart. There is no problem too big for God to solve. God can help me escape or go through any trial.



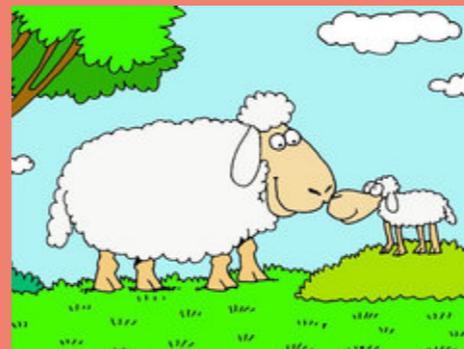
10 You anoint my head with oil. You call me one of Your children. You place me in Your royal family.



11 My cup overflows. You have given me so many blessings I cannot contain them all. My life is like an overflowing cup.

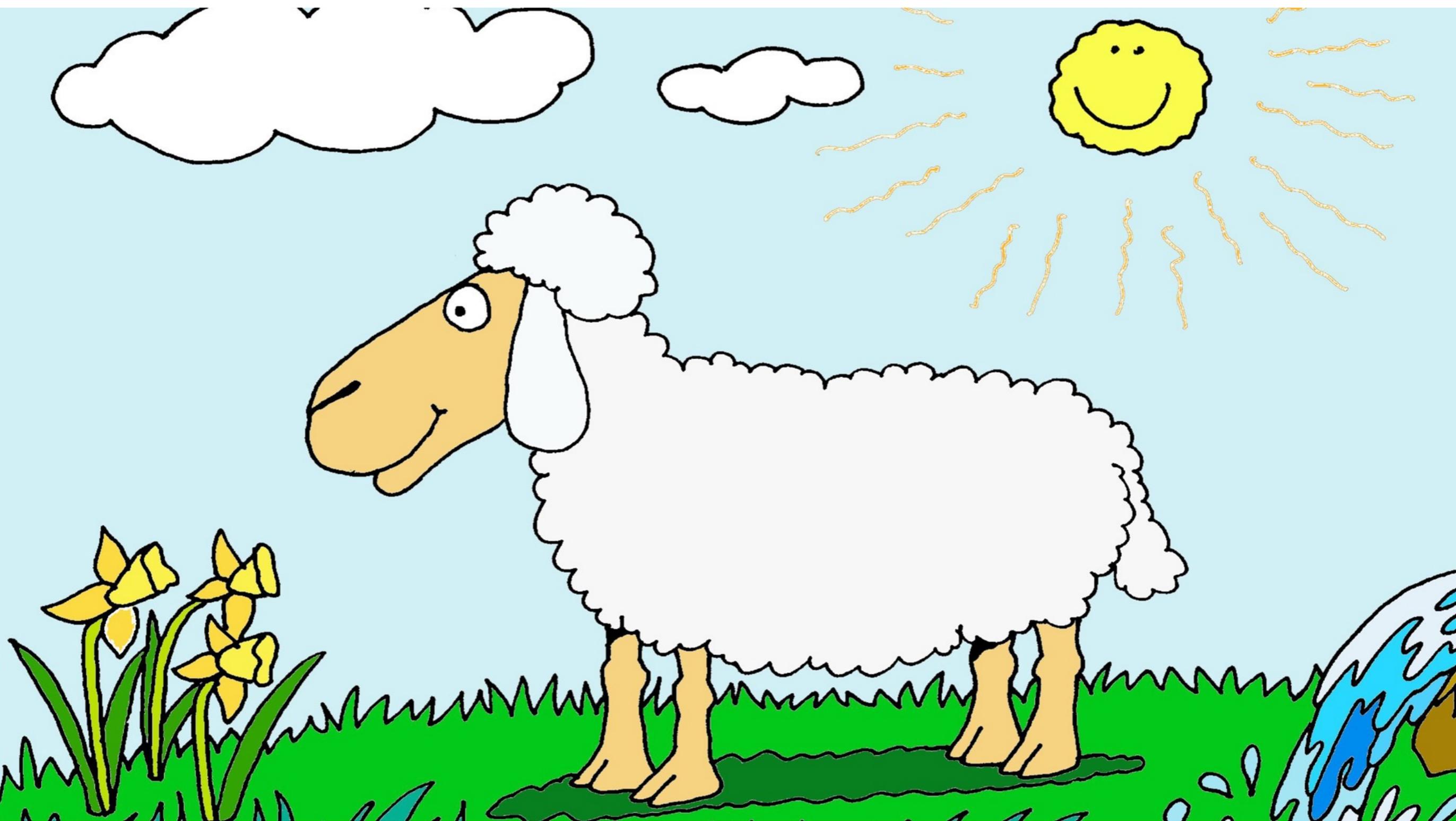


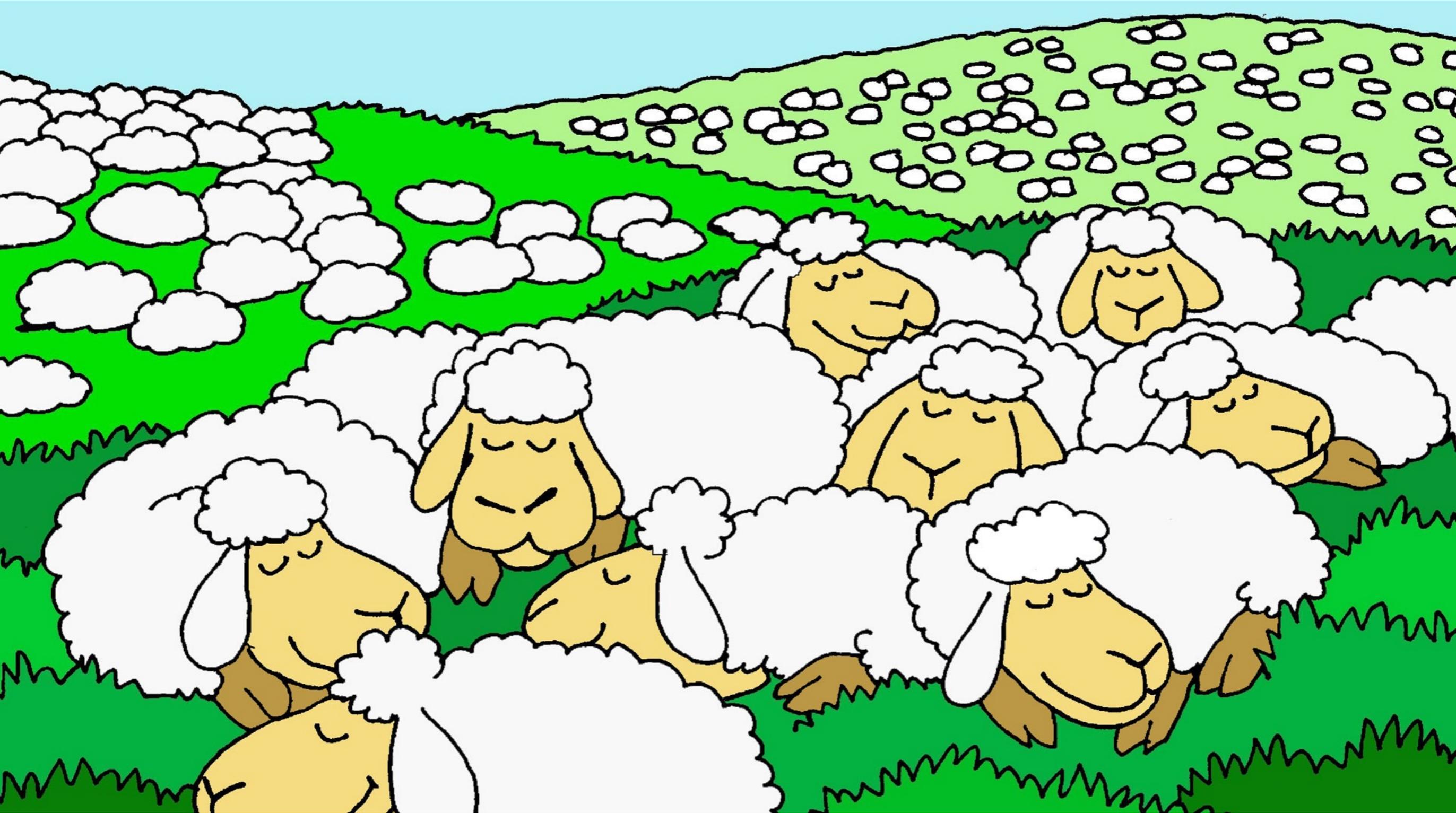
12 Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life. I want to be a good person, and obey You in every way. I also want to show mercy, and love and patience with other people as You do. I want to be just like you Lord.



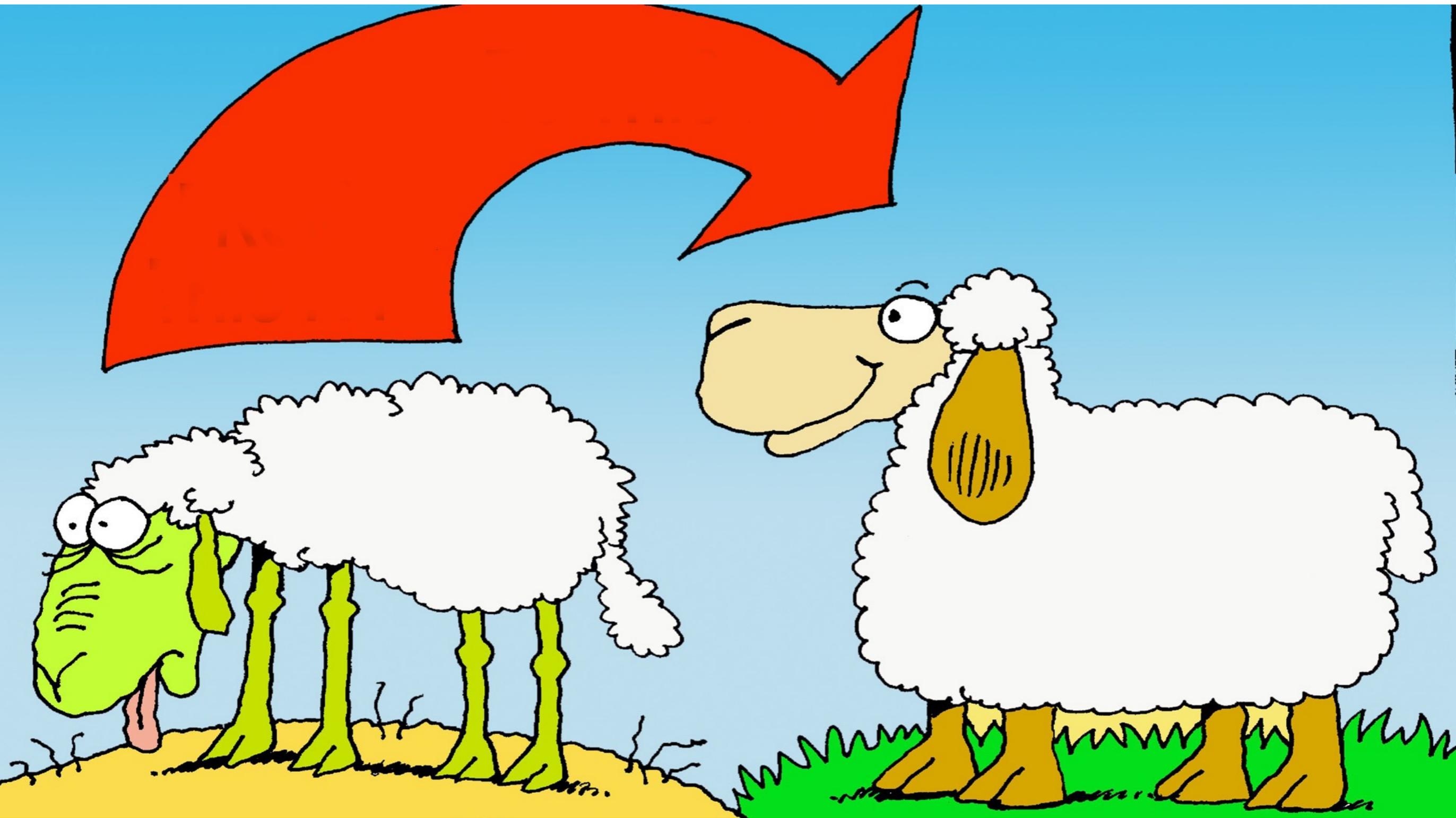
13 I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. This is my final and everlasting home. I want to always be one of your sheep, a member of your eternal family.





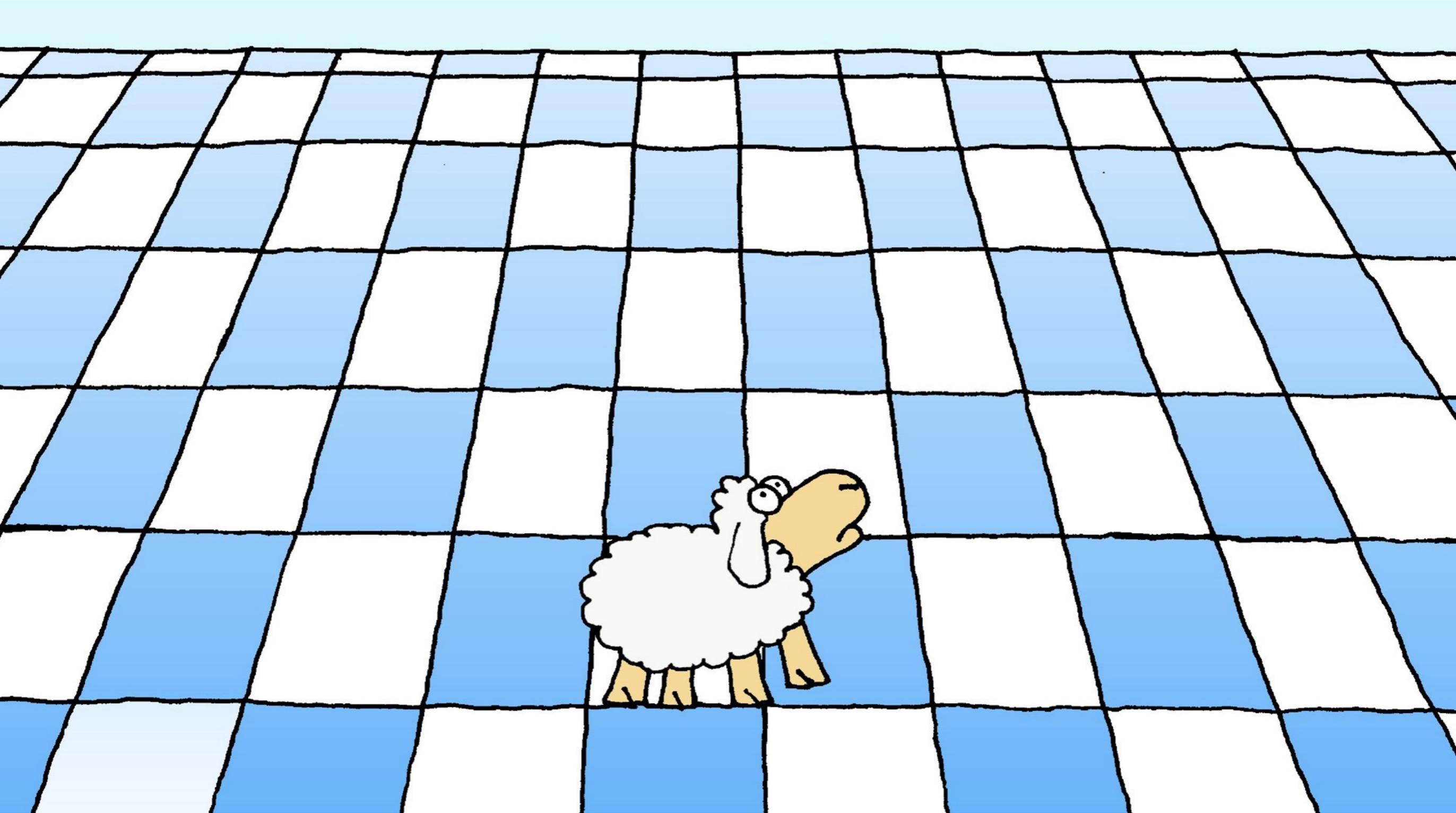






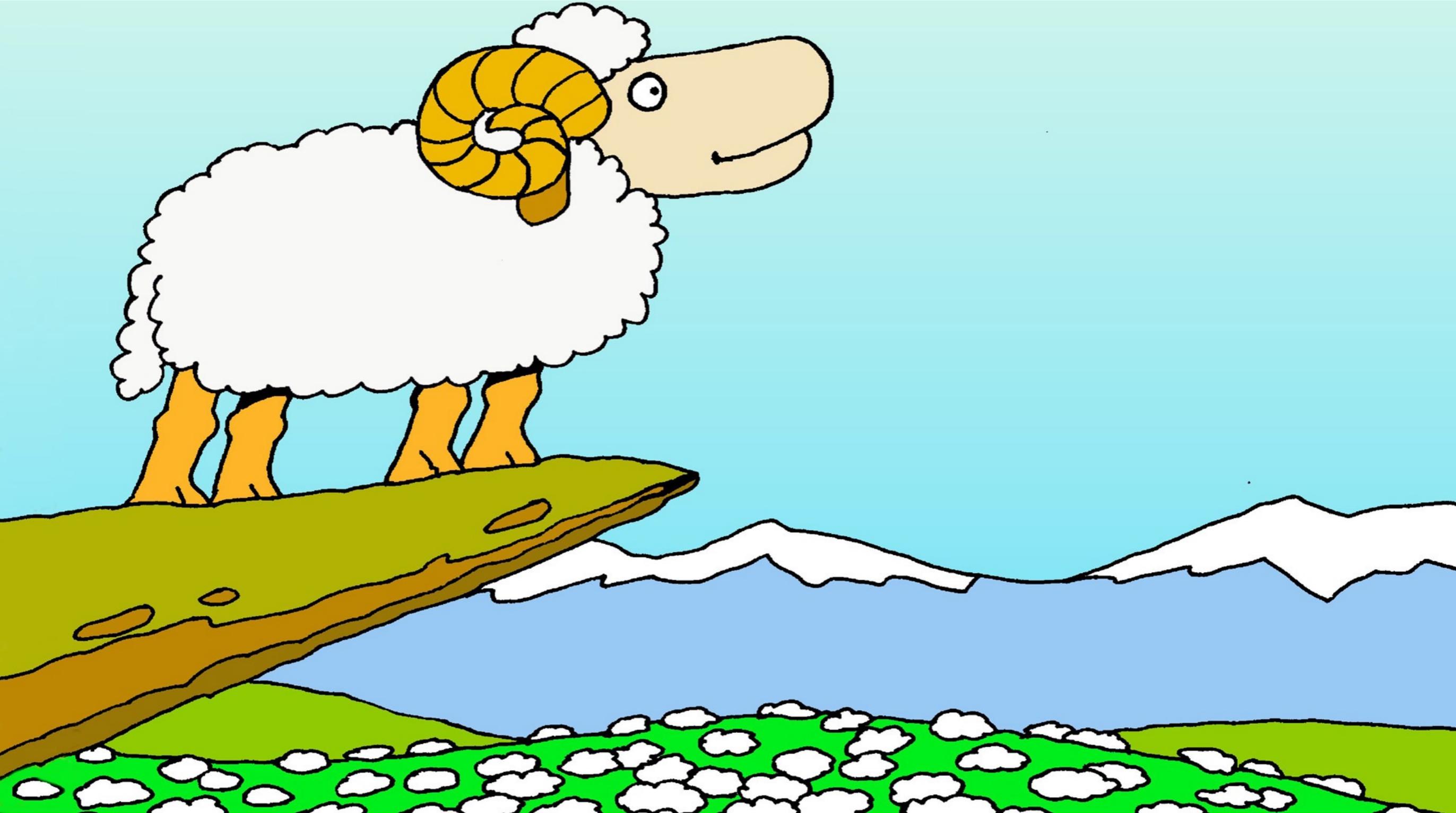




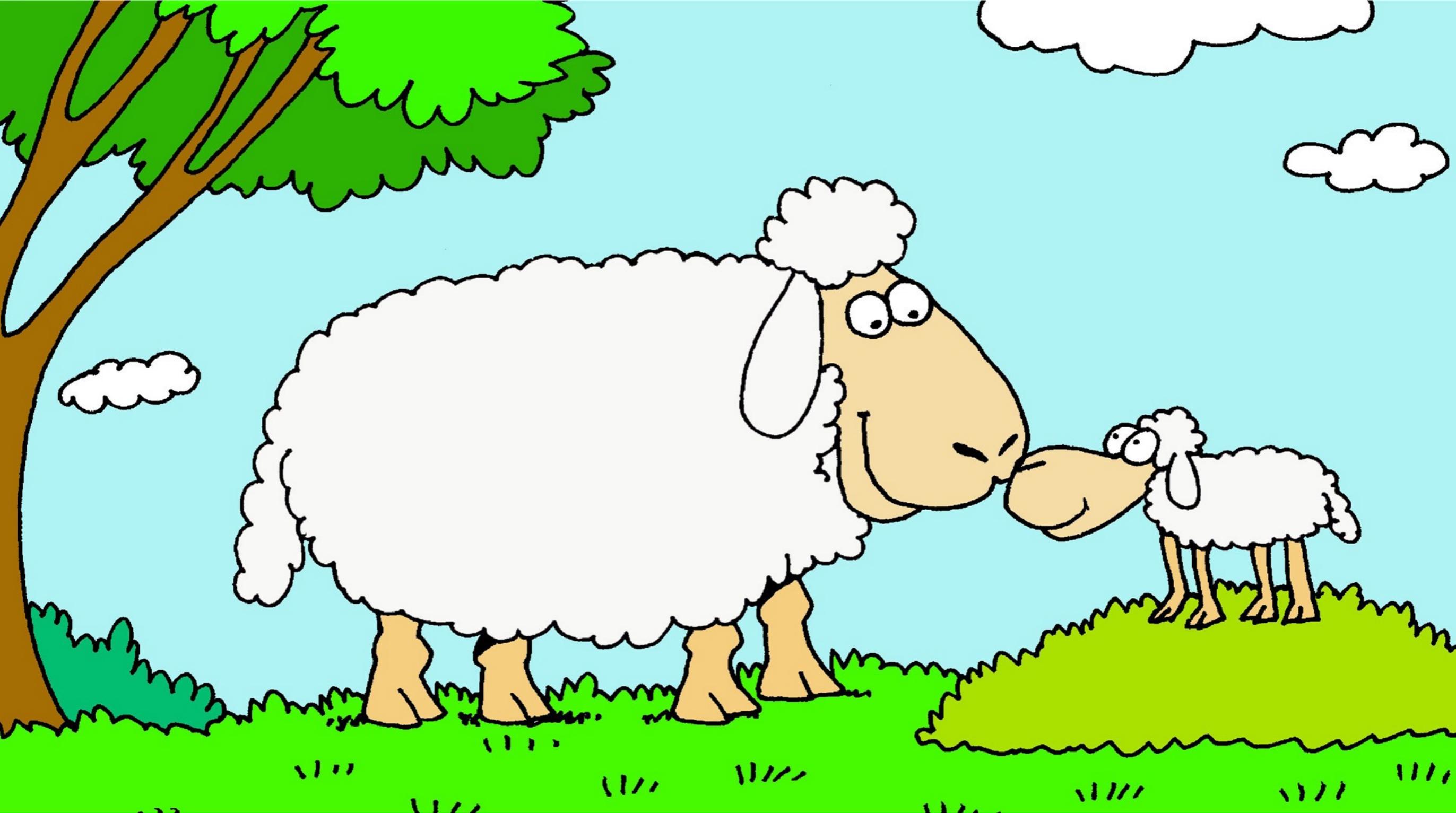














# **GAME:**

# **SHEEP RUN**

**Remind the children that in today's Bible lesson the shepherd led, guided, protected, comforted and cared for his sheep.**

**Can the children remember where he led them and what he did for them?**

# CONCLUSION

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# DISCUSS AND APPLY

- Who is God a shepherd to? Who does he treat as an honoured guest? Do you know God as your shepherd and friend? How is this possible if you don't?
- What are some of the things that God has provided for you? How does he care for you? Does God provide everything we want or everything that we need?
- What does it mean to be guided and led by God? How does God guide you? Does this mean he will never lead you through difficult times?
- What does it mean that God is with us? Why is there no need to fear anything if he is with us? Do you find it easy to trust God in difficult situations?
- How does God discipline and comfort us?
- How does knowing that God is like a shepherd encourage you? How does it challenge you to trust him?
- How has God treated you like an honoured guest? How do we deserve to be treated? Has God treated you better than you deserve? How and when did he do this?
- What in your life shows that God is your shepherd? How will this affect your view of the present and the future; what you do with your time; and how you deal with difficult situations? What can you be certain about in all situations?

GAME:

FOLLOW THE SHEPHERD

# VIDEO

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6fM4\\_8VU-8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6fM4_8VU-8)

Make your own actions to these 2 memory verses and post it to our lockdown page - prizes for all entries



## Memory Verse

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I lack nothing.*  
**Psalm 23:1 [NIV]**



## Memory Verse

*The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*  
**Psalm 19:1 [NIV]**

# PRAY . . . TOGETHER

Dear Lord Jesus

Thank you for your love towards us that has made it possible for us to live in the presence of God. Thank you for leading us on the right path - please help us to follow you all the days of our lives.

Thank you that you are our good shepherd and that you gave up your life for your sheep; thank you for the promise that if we trust in you, we will be welcomed at the wedding feast in heaven one day

Thank you for providing, protecting and blessing us. Thank you that with you as our shepherd, we will never be alone.

Amen

# SING . . . TOGETHER

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