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THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

PRAY

God, I thank You for all the beauty, comfort, inspiration and guidance found in Your Word.

READ

Psalm 23

REFLECT

What do you learn about the nature and character of the Lord in this beloved psalm? Which verse is most significant to you? Why?

APPLY

Try to take a walk outside today and look for examples of the images used in this psalm (sheep, green grass, still waters, etc.). Thank God for these reminders of his care.

PRAY

Lord, You are indeed a very good Shepherd to me and I'm grateful for Your unfailing and loving care.

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HAVE MERCY ON ME

PRAY

Lord, prepare my heart and mind to be with You now. I bow before You as Lord and God.

READ

Psalm 51

REFLECT

Why is it so important to confess your sins? How can you be confident that God will forgive you? What help does this psalm give you?

APPLY

Find a quiet place to reflect on your life this week. List any sins you recall. Write them on paper, confess them, ask God's forgiveness and then tear up the paper.

PRAY

Thank God for the many times he has forgiven you and for his patience and understanding toward you.

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PRAISE THE LORD

PRAY

Lord God, You are such a wonderful God; Creator and Sustainer of all! I marvel at all that You are!

READ

Psalm 103

REFLECT

Having read David's words of praise in this psalm, what would you most praise God for? What inspires or hinders you in praising the Lord?

APPLY

Try to compose your own short psalm of praise to the Lord. Use David's psalm as a guide but substitute your own words and specific ideas.

PRAY

Praise God now for who he is and for all that he means to you and for all he has done for you.

GODLY WISDOM

PRAY

You are the source of all true wisdom, Lord, I come to You seeking more of Your wisdom.

READ

Proverbs 1-4

REFLECT

People have many ideas about what wisdom is. What do you think it means to be really wise? How does one become truly wise?

APPLY

Think of someone you believe is really wise. What wisdom do they have that you need? Ask them how they got it and then ask them to share it with you.

PRAY

Thank God that his wisdom is freely and readily available to you and to anyone who asks.

PROVERBS OF SOLOMON

PRAY

Ask God to give you some real, practical wisdom for right living as you read these proverbs today.

READ

Proverbs 16-18

REFLECT

What are some of the main themes of these proverbs? Which of them are most helpful to you? Are there any of your own you'd add?

APPLY

Choose 2-3 of these proverbs that seem most applicable to you. Write them on paper and put them where you'll see them each day. Try to memorize them quickly.

PRAY

Lord, I don't want to just read Your words of wisdom; I want them to really mold and shape my life.