

Children's Ministry at First Presbyterian Church Napa

AT HOME CONNECTIONS

The PATH

Workshop Rotation Model Sunday School for children in preschool
(3 yrs. old) through 5th grade ---9:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 2009

PSALM 23



Bible memory verse: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm 23:1

Welcome back to a new year of Sunday School fun at First Pres. Napa! This month we study Psalm 23 in its entirety, with children learning verse by verse how God is our shepherd and that He cares for each of us as a shepherd cares for his flock. He gives us rest, refreshment, and protects us. We have no need to fear, for He is with us in all that we do. Even in the darkest valley, He is there. As part of God's flock, we are assured that our life will be spent in the protection and care of God's abundant love.

As the shepherd leads the sheep to new pastures, we also begin a new journey with our newly re-themed Sunday School classrooms. We'll be traveling to *Noah's Art* (art room), to *Damascus Road Drama* (drama room), to *Goliath Games* (game room), and to the *Parable Playhouse* (cinema and puppet theater). As we journey from room to room this year, we will stay focused on the Path to Christ, and journey together, helping each other along the way, confident in the Creator's love and guidance.

As part of this new Path, we will be practicing the "Faith Five" with the children at the end of the Sunday School hour. Families are enthusiastically invited to continue the Faith Five conversation at home at the dinner table, at bedtime, or whatever time is best for you. Very simply, it is:

1. **Sharing** your highs and lows, 2. **Reading** scripture together 3. **Talking** about the scripture, 4. **Praying** for each other, and 5. **Blessing** one another. Just that easy! Have faith that the Lord will guide you and your family in your faith journey together to love and serve Him.

IN OUR WORKSHOPS THIS MONTH...

NOAH'S ART



As the children go through the meaning of each verse of Psalm 23, they will create a multi-textured artwork that reflects the words of the psalm and reminds them of the meaning of each verse. *At Home: Go through each of the textures and think about how they remind you of the verse of Psalm 23. Which do you find most comforting?*

GOLIATH GAMES



Children will use memory games and active movement games to learn Psalm 23. They will also use sequence footsteps to walk through the psalm, and as a class write a new version of Psalm 23, with images of today's world. *At Home: Write out the verses of the Psalm on index cards, mix them up, and use your Bible to put them back in order. Once you are familiar with it, close your Bible and give it a try!*

DAMASCUS ROAD DRAMA



Children will learn Psalm 23 by experiencing it through their senses. Line by line, Psalm 23 will be revealed through tasting, smelling, seeing, touching, and hearing the words of the psalm. Children will also make and take home a multicolored booklet of the 23rd Psalm. *At Home: As a family, act out Psalm 23. Take turns being the shepherd or the sheep and think about what each is in charge of. Was it easier being the shepherd or the sheep?*