## The Lord Our Shepherd

David felt safe when he remembered that always God was taking care of him when he was in danger. Perhaps the sheep were asleep when the lion and the bear crept up, but David heard. And in the same way no harm can come to God's children, for he is always watching.

When a sheep was hurt, David tenderly took care of it. He carried the little lambs when they

were tired. He did not do just the things that he had to do—he did many other things because he loved his sheep.

Winter and summer, day and night, David cared for his sheep. When they were safely in the sheepfold at night, how safe and contented and happy they were!

As we repeat to-day the Twenty-third Psalm, let us think what it means to each one of us to have a heavenly Shepherd to take care

of us. Surely we shall love him dearly, and shall want to hear and follow when he calls us.

THE MEMORY VERSE

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." -Psalm 23:1.

ANOTHER SHEPHERD VERSE

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"He careth for you."

-I Peter 5:7.

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## Lesson XII