

Making a Twenty-Third Psalm Book

Use the following pages to make a miniature book illustrating the twenty-third psalm.
 Or make your own book, using full sheets of paper or half sheets for each page of the book.
 Choose whether you want to illustrate the words of the psalm or their meaning.
 We offer suggestions for illustrating each part of the psalm in keeping with the words or their meaning.

Portion of the Psalm	Suggested Illustration
<i>The Lord is my shepherd</i>	The Lord as a Shepherd, holding a staff or a lamb.
<i>I shall not want.</i>	Your food, clothing, shelter, and people who care for you.
<i>He makes me to lie down in green pastures;</i>	Green grass, perhaps with you or a lamb lying down on it.
<i>He leads me beside the still waters.</i>	A stream or river with clear blue water.
<i>He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.</i>	A pathway with "Ten Commandments" on it OR the Lord leading you along a pathway to heaven.
<i>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,</i>	Draw a dark valley or a frightening situation.
<i>I will fear no evil; for You are with me;</i>	The Lord near you or holding you.
<i>Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.</i>	Picture the Lord's Word and a shepherd's staff.
<i>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;</i>	Picture the Word or a church where we can learn about the Lord.
<i>You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.</i>	Oil symbolizes love and there is no end to the Lord's love. Draw a person's head and then put a dab of olive oil on the forehead.
<i>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;</i>	Make a picture of someone being kind to another person and know that the Lord will give you more happiness in the future.
<i>And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.</i>	A picture of you in heaven.

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Procedure for Making the Book

1. This book would be a fine gift for someone you love.
2. Each piece of paper has 4 pages of the book on it. It may be easier to illustrate the pages *before* cutting them apart.
3. Decide whether to illustrate the word pictures of this psalm or something that shows their meaning. You may choose to do some of each kind of illustration. (Note: If you are giving this book to a young child, you might choose to illustrate it differently than if you are giving it to someone your age or older.)
4. Use colored pencils or fine tip markers to illustrate each page of the book.
5. After illustrating them, carefully cut the pages apart.
6. Make a front and back cover for your book using card stock, poster board, or construction paper.
7. Write the title on the cover.
8. Bind the book at the left side. Here are several binding methods:
 - a. Staple the book at the left-hand side, then cover with vinyl tape to make a nice binding.
 - b. Use a hole puncher to make 2 or 3 holes along the left-hand side of the book, then thread colorful ribbon through the holes and tie.