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Imagine you are a shepherd taking care of your sheep. When a wolf comes and attacks them, will you run away and hide? No, you will stay and protect your sheep because you love them. They are _your_ sheep. You will risk your own life because you care about the sheep. They belong to you.

In Bible times the shepherd lived with his sheep and he knew them each by name. The sheep listened to the shepherd's voice. They never had to worry when they followed the shepherd, because he protected them and provided for their needs. That's what Jesus does for us. The Bible says we are like sheep and that Jesus is our good shepherd. Jesus gives us what we need each day, things like food and clothing and shelter. This is good, but we have an even bigger need than food and clothing. Do you know what our biggest need is?

Our biggest need is to be forgiven of our sins. The Bible says each of us has disobeyed God. We've sinned against God by breaking his good commands. The Bible says the penalty for sin is death. That's why Jesus came. Jesus died on the cross, to pay the penalty we deserved because of our sin. Jesus laid down his life for us so we could be forgiven for all our sin. Jesus is the good shepherd for everyone who trusts in him.

☆ Are you a sinner? Have you disobeyed God? How have you disobeyed?

☆ Have you asked Jesus to forgive your sins and give you new life in him? Are you trusting in Jesus?

☆ Talk to your Dad or Mom. Ask them to tell you how they came to trust in Jesus.
   Tell them you want Jesus to be your good shepherd and ask them to pray with you.