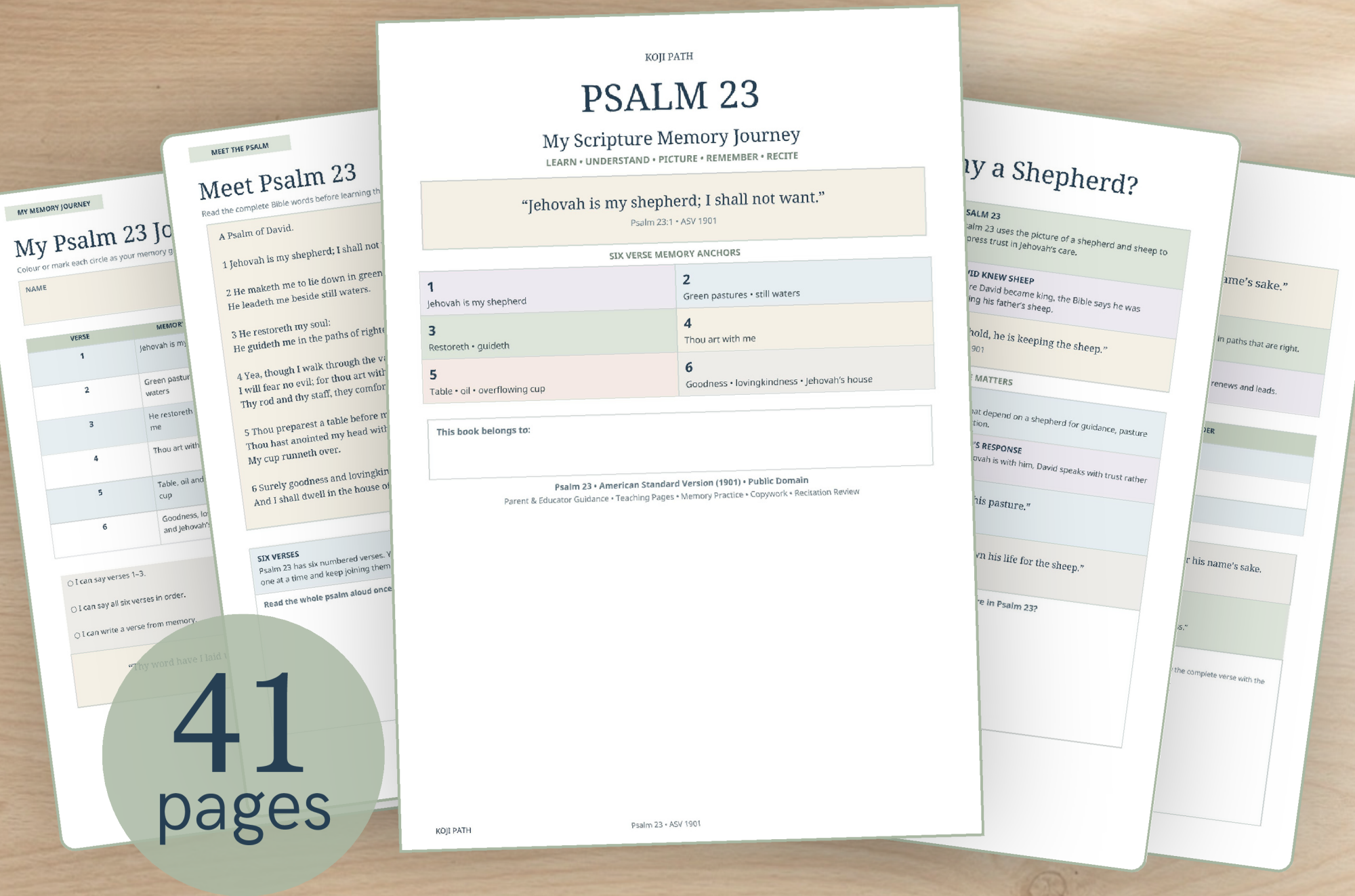


Psalm 23

ASV 1901 Scripture Memory Journey

Learn • Understand • Remember • Recite



Teach • Picture • Practise • Copy • Write • Review

What's Included

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VERSE 3

He Restoreth & Guideth Me

Understand the two main actions in verse 3

He restoreth my soul:
He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Psalms 23:3 • ADON 1001

RESTORETH
An older form of "restores": brings back, renews or strengthens.

GUIDETH
An older form of "guides": Jehovah leads rather than forcing. (He sheep without direction.)

SOUL
David speaks about his own life and inner self before Jehovah.

MEMORY LINK
Verse 2 gives rest and water; verse 3 continues with restoration and guidance.

SAY THE FIRST HALF CAREFULLY

PRACTICE

TRY WITHOUT LOOKING

He restoreth my soul:
He _____ my soul:
He restoreth my _____

WHAT DO "RESTORETH" AND "GUIDETH" TELL YOU ABOUT JEHOVAH'S CARE?
Use one or two sentences. Think about the two actions separately: restoring and guiding. What kind of care does each action describe?

VERSE 4

Thy Rod & Thy Staff

Understand the shepherd's tools and build the full verse

"Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me."
Psalms 23:4 • ADON 1001

ROD
The rod belongs to the shepherd picture in this verse. David says Jehovah's rod is part of what comforts him.

STAFF
The staff is named beside the rod. Together, these shepherd images point to Jehovah's guiding and caring presence.

BUILD VERSE 4 IN THREE PARTS

PART

ORDER

Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, 1
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; 2
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. 3

FIRST-LETTER HELP

Y: I I w i t h o u t e v i l / t h o u a r t w i t h m e / T h y r o d a n d t h y s t a f f c o m f o r t m e .
Verse 4 initial

☐ I can say Part 1.

☐ I can say Part 2.

☐ I can say Part 3.

☐ I can join all three parts

CONFIDENCE PHRASE

Write the phrase of verse 4 that gives you the most confidence. Use the exact words first, then explain in one sentence why you chose it.

VERSE 5

A Table Before Me

Meet the table, oil and overflowing cup

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou hast anointed my head with oil;
My cup runneth over.
Psalms 23:5 • ADON 1001

PREPAREST
An older form of "prepare": Jehovah is pictured making ready what David needs.

MINE ENEMIES
Opposition has not disappeared, but it does not prevent Jehovah's provision.

ANointed WITH OIL
David describes Jehovah anointing his head with oil, adding another picture of generous care.

CUP RUNNETH OVER
An older way of saying the cup "is over": a picture of abundance.

BUILD THE FIRST LINE

NEED PARTS

Is the present use of mine enemies.

Thou preparest a table before me

WHAT IS SURPRISING ABOUT IMAGINE THE TABLE IS A
Notice that the enemies have not disappeared from the

WHICH PICTURE IS EASIEST TO REMEMBER?
Choose words, either underlining cup. Explain what makes

WHOLE-PSALM MASTER

First-Letter Challenge

Use initials as the first letter to independent recall

VERSE

FIRST-LETTER CLUE

1

J I m s I o n e .

2

H i m m e t d i g p e r H i m b s n .

3

H e m e s / H e m i p e r f e r s s .

4

Y e I w i t h o u t e v i l / t h o u a r t w i t h m e / T h y r o d a n d t h y s t a f f c o m f o r t m e .

5

T h a t m y c u p o v e r / T h e m e w e / m e n .

S a m e / A l t e r / R o l l e

he verse you need. Then hide it and try again.
je for verses 4-6.
or full recitation.
from memory.

PHRASE TO PRACTISE NEXT

RECITATION

Recite Verses 1-3

Complete the first half without reading

VERSE 1

VERSE 2

VERSE 3

VERSE 1

VERSE 2

VERSE 3

RECITE VERSES 1-3

Adults: Read without interrupting every pause. Write only the exact phrase or transition that needed help.

PHRASES TO REPEAT

Verse: _____ Phrase / transition:

Verse: _____ Phrase / transition:

After repeat: recite verses 1-3 once more from the beginning.

ADULT RECORD

DATE

PROMPTS NEEDED: NONE / SMALL / SEVERAL

BEST NEXT STEP

☐ Verse 1 secure

☐ Verse 2 secure

☐ Verse 3 secure

☐ Transitions 1-2 and 2-3 secure

The goal is accurate, calm recall - not speed.
Recitation guidance

KQJ PATH

Psalms 23 • ADON 1001

Teach the Meaning First

What Does
"Jehovah Is My Shepherd"
Mean?



Understanding
Green Pastures &
Still Waters



What Does
"Restoreth My Soul"
Mean?



BIBLE BACKGROUND

What Is a Psalm? Why a Shepherd?

Meet David and the central picture of Psalm 23

A PSALM A psalm is a biblical song or poem. Psalms may praise God, pray to Him, express trust, or teach truth about Him.	PSALM 23 Psalm 23 uses the picture of a shepherd and sheep to express trust in Jehovah's care.
DAVID The heading says "A Psalm of David." David was the son of Jesse and later became king of Israel.	DAVID KNEW SHEEP Before David became king, the Bible says he was keeping his father's sheep.

"There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he is keeping the sheep."
1 Samuel 16:11 • ASV 1901

WHY THE SHEPHERD PICTURE MATTERS

SHEPHERD The one who leads and cares for the sheep.	SHEEP Animals that depend on a shepherd for guidance, pasture and protection.
DAVID'S PICTURE David speaks as one under Jehovah's shepherd-like care.	THE PSALM'S RESPONSE Because Jehovah is with him, David speaks with trust rather than fear.

"We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."
Psalm 100:3 • ASV 1901

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep."
John 10:11 • ASV 1901

Why might David's experience with sheep help you understand the picture in Psalm 23?

VERSE 2

Green Pastures & Still Waters

Understand the peaceful picture, then build and recite the verse

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside still waters.

Psalm 23:2 • ASV 1901

MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN The sheep are pictured resting rather than wandering in danger.	GREEN PASTURES A picture of good grazing ground: food and a place to rest.
LEADETH ME The shepherd is not absent. He leads the sheep where they need to go.	STILL WATERS Quiet waters give a peaceful picture of refreshment and provision.

Picture the words: draw or describe green pastures and still waters. Add a small arrow to show the shepherd leading.

BUILD & RETRIEVE

MIXED LINES	ORDER
He leadeth me beside still waters.	
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;	
He maketh me to lie down in green _____;	
He leadeth me beside still _____	
☐ I can say the first line.	☐ I can say the second line.
☐ I can join both lines.	☐ I can picture the scene while I recite.

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Step-by-step teaching pages help children understand the words, pictures and meaning of Psalm 23 before memorising it.

Practise & Apply

COPY • WRITE • REMEMBER

Teach a Verse

If you can explain it clearly, you are showing deeper understanding

VERSE NUMBER	MEMORY ANCHOR
Write the exact ASV wording, or the section you can remember accurately	

Full Psalm 23 Recitation

Say all six verses in order

ONLY THE VERSE NUMBERS REMAIN

1	2	3
4	5	6

FULL-PSALM PHRASE REPEAT

Teaching Notes

and common recitation errors

ant. Missing words:	PAGE 9 • VERSE 2 Order: green pastures line first; still waters line second. Missing words: pastures; waters.
green pastures =	PAGE 12 • VERSE 3 Build: He guideth me / in the paths of righteousness / for his name's sake.
the model.	PAGE 18 • VERSE 5 Missing: anointed; runneth; table. Order: table line → anointed line → cup line.

WHOLE-PSALM MASTERY

Opening Words & C

Start from the prompt and keep going

OPENING WORDS
Jehovah...
He maketh...
He restoreth...
Yea, though...
Thou preparest...
Surely...

MIDDLE-OF-

PROMPT
"He leadeth me..."
"He guideth me..."
"I will fear no evil..."
"Thou hast anointed..."
"And I shall dwell..."

ONE-WORD CHALLENGE
Adult gives only one opening word. Child continues the verse verse once more without help.

COPY • WRITE • REMEMBER

Picture the Psalm

Use the imagery as a memory pathway through all six verses

Create one continuous scene or six small pictures. Include a visual clue for each verse.

1 shepherd	2 pasture + water	3 path
4 valley + rod/staff	5 table + oil + cup	6 goodness + Jehovah's house

Draw your Psalm 23 memory picture here. Add small verse numbers beside the six clues.

Which visual clue helps your memory most?

Remember: Verses 3-4

He restoreth my soul:
in me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
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Walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
fear no evil; for thou art with me;
and thy staff, they comfort me.
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☐ I checked "thou art with me."
☐ I read verses 3-4 aloud.

Picture • Build • Recite • Copy • Write

Memory anchors, verse sequencing, cumulative review, copywork and write-from-memory practice.