



## CAN WE COMPARE GOD TO A SHEPHERD?

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In this special “1, 2, 3 RACONTE” series for children and parents, we tell stories from the Bible and focus upon important questions that each and everyone of us may ask.

For example: **Slide 2**

What is God like? **Slide 3** Can we know him?

**Slide 4** Can I talk to him? **Slide 5** Does heaven exist?

**Slide 6** Who is Jesus?

Today, our theme is: **Slide 7** who is God? ... What does He represent for you? ...

Perhaps you do not know the answer because it is difficult to describe God in a few words.

To help us find out, we are going to spend a day **Slide 8** with a shepherd named David.

### **Slide 9** IS GOD LIKE A SHEPHERD?

Early in the morning, David prepares all the bare essentials he needs to go about his day-to-day work as a shepherd... **Slide 10** his game bag, **Slide 11** bread, **Slide 12** cheese, his drinking flask and **Slide 13** his harp. He puts on his sandals, takes **Slide 14** his shepherd's staff, and he is ready to go! **Slide 15** The sheep are already waiting for him and **Slide 16** on all sides you can hear them bleating!

**Slide 17** -Spot, Capricious, Stubborn, Happy, Timid, Snowy, **Slide 18** are all good to go!

These are **Slide 19** his father's flock, but he knows them all by name.

**Slide 20** -Come on here, Lamb chop, you are still too small, but you will have a great time once we arrive!

**Slide 21** David walks ahead of the flock. He knows the best pastures out there on the green hills. He will stay with his animals, day and **Slide 22** night.

There are always **Slide 23** wolves and wild dogs that roam around the herds at night.

**Slide 24** Sometimes the howl of a hyena can be heard and **Slide 25** the sheep are afraid.

**Slide 26** -Calm down, don't panic! I'm here, you can **Slide 27** all sleep peacefully!

**Slide 28** While the flock grazes peacefully, **Slide 29** he takes up his harp and sings the songs that he composed.

Even though no-one can hear him he sings to God.

**Slide 30** He thanks Him for the beauty of nature, for His protection, and for His help.

He tells Him how much he loves him, how much he trusts in Him.

**Slide 31** He is always looking out for his flock. Over there **Slide 32** a few sheep are wandering off.

Just where are those silly sheep going? They keep on walking with their heads bowed, not seeing beyond the tip of their nose. If they continue, **Slide 33** they will be lost and will not be able to find their way back. **Slide 34**

-Clever, **Slide 35** Black foot! But... are they stubborn or deaf?

David picks up a little soil with his staff, and throws it on their backs. **Slide 36** Amazing... all of a sudden! They come scampering back. Danger... they haven't a clue what that is! How could they defend themselves **Slide 37** against a lion or **Slide 38** a bear? Several times David had to fight to pull them out of their jaws.

**Slide 39**- Come on, come on, now the sun is too hot, let's go under the trees near the stream, you can drink quietly and rest! Come on, follow me!

**Slide 40** The whole herd sets off again. **Slide 41** A plaintive bleating reaches David's ears. Is it a call for help?

**Slide 42** -But, that's Fearless over there, right on the cliff edge! What is she doing here? In the middle of this thorn bush, the rocks are slippery. What a stupid idea!

Leaning on his staff, David walks cautiously; **Slide 43** he gently takes the sheep and places her on his shoulders.

-Stubborn intrepid! he said whilst stroking her. Why on earth did you go there, instead of following me?

**Slide 44** The sun has set, everything is calm, and you can only hear the voice of David

**Slide 45** who is standing at the entrance to the enclosure. **Slide 46**

- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5... **Slide 47** ...65 ... 70...

Each sheep enters one by one and David counts. If one is missing, what will he do?

**Slide 48** He will take care of the wounded, the sick, the little ones, the weak, for each sheep is very important to him.

**Slide 49** So, now, you have just seen a typical day in the life of David the Shepherd.

You may ask yourself why?

Well, simply because in one of his Psalm David said: **Slide 50**

**“The Lord is my Shepherd, and I am his sheep.”**

Do you know **Slide 51** this Psalm 23?

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- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.*
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters.*
- 3 He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

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*4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*

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*You anoint my head with oil;  
My cup overflows.*

- 6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

**Slide 55 1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!**

**Slide 56** *In this psalm, David compares himself to a sheep who has God as a shepherd.*

**Slide 57** *And you, do you have a shepherd **Slide 58** to protect you, **Slide 59** guide you, love*

**Slide 60** *you, **Slide 61** encourage you?*

*In each of our programs, we will tell you about this Shepherd, this great God and you will come to know Him more and more.*

**Slide 62 4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!**

*Like David we too are like sheep with our weaknesses but we can choose the Great Shepherd to guide us in our lives.*

*As parents, we are also shepherds, **Slide 63** the shepherds of our children. We have a responsibility to watch out for them, take care of them, protect them, guide them and accompany them.*

*By sowing the Word of God in their hearts, we enable them to discover God, who wants to be the good shepherd of our lives, of their life. In order for them to make this choice, they need to know Him personally. Our objective in making these programs "1, 2, 3 STORY TIME" is precisely to provide you with an additional tool to help your children discover this great God who loves them.*

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