

# Welcome to Emerald Crossing

## An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23

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Theme verse: Psalm 23:1 (ESV)  
"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

**Sunday, June 28 – Thursday, July 2, 2026**

6:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

(Check-in opens at 6:00 p.m. each night.)

**30-minute Closing Program – Thursday, July 2 at 8:00 p.m.**

You are invited to join us for our Closing Program, where we'll share a brief overview of the week. Come watch as the children share their memory verses and songs. Bring along grandparents, aunts, uncles and anyone else who is a part of your children's lives!

## **Grab your shepherd's staff and whistle for your sheepdog. Our Irish adventure is about to begin!**

Every day, our kids are bombarded with questions: Does God care about me? Why do we have hard times? Do things happen because of "good luck" or "bad luck"? Can I trust the Bible?

At VBS, your kids will explore the biblical answers to these questions as they take a shepherd's tour across the Emerald Isle through Psalm 23. Each day at the Emerald Crossing bridge, kids will hear how they can cross from living life our way to living God's way. Every stop along our path will teach us about God, the Great Shepherd, and how he cares for His sheep (believers in Christ Jesus). Like David, the writer of Psalm 23, discovered throughout his life, first as a shepherd and later as a king, your kids will also discover important truths like:

- I can be a child of God with the Lord as my Shepherd, trusting Him to lead me on the right path through His Word and to comfort me when I am afraid.
- I can choose gratitude in every situation and look for God's goodness and mercy throughout my life.

Beauty and adventure await us each day at Emerald Crossing, where lads and lasses will gather at the Emerald Isle Assembly. Each evening begins with lively songs, fun intros, our daily Animal Pal, and prayer. Children then rotate through four fun activity sites: Flock Talk Time for the Bible lesson, Celtic Corner Science and Crafts, Still Water Snacks, and Green Meadow Games.

Finally, everyone returns to the Emerald Isle Assembly for the closing, with more singing, the Mission Moment, and the highly anticipated contest results.

So pull on your work boots, grab your walking staff, and get ready for a grand ol' time at Emerald Crossing!

## **DAILY OVERVIEW**

### **DAY 1 – LOST TO FOUND**

**Lesson Focus:** Like David, I can be a child of God and have the Lord as MY shepherd.

**Apologetics Content:** Is the Lord a distant God? Did he create the universe and then just sit back and watch?

### **DAY 2 – WRONG PATH TO RIGHT PATH**

**Lesson Focus:** Like David, I need the Lord to lead me on the right path through His Word.

**Apologetics Content:** Is the Bible a trustworthy guide to lead us through life?

### **DAY 3 – FEARFUL TO PEACEFUL**

**Lesson Focus:** Like David, I can turn to the Lord for comfort when I'm feeling anxious or afraid.

**Apologetics Content:** Why do we even have hard times?

### **DAY 4 – GRUMBLING TO GRATEFUL**

**Lesson Focus:** Like David, I can have an attitude of gratitude in every situation.

**Apologetics Content:** Are good things because of "good luck" or a good God?

### **DAY 5 – SHAKY TO SURE**

**Lesson Focus:** Like David, I need to be on the lookout for God's goodness and mercy.

**Apologetics Content:** What should rainbows remind us of?

*\*Bible Passages covered during the Bible Lesson: Psalm 23:1–6; selections from 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 Chronicles*

## WHAT TO BRING/WEAR

- Sturdy shoes so children can run and play safely.
- Play clothes that can get dirty. (crafts may be messy!)
- Water bottle – Water will be provided during snack time and after games; however, if your child may need additional drinks, please send a clearly labeled water bottle.
- Bible not required – one will be provided if needed.

**Please do not send toys or other unnecessary personal items. The fewer items children bring, the better, as items can easily be lost.**

## ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

### Arrival

- Check-in opens at 6:00 p.m. Please do not drop off your children earlier, as our staff will not be ready.
- Please drive slowly and park in the lower lot.
- All children should stop at the check-in table to say their memory verse and have attendance and points recorded before heading inside.
- Children who are not pre-registered must sign up at the admin table before joining a class.

### Dismissal

- Please park and come inside to collect your child.
- **Children will only be released to an adult at their class row (no sibling pick-up).**
- Please inform the VBS Director in advance if there is anyone who is **not permitted to collect your child.**

## MISSION MOMENT – FOOD PAKS WITH CHILDREN'S HUNGER FUND

Our mission project, *Guided by Grace*, supports Children's Hunger Fund, providing food and sharing the gospel with families in need through local churches worldwide. Donations help fill *Food Paks*—boxes of nutritious food distributed through partner churches in the US and around the world and delivered to families in need. Just **25 cents provides one meal!** Along with food delivery, relationships are built and the gospel is shared. We encourage children to participate as we work together to make a meaningful impact. Even if you only have coins lying around, bring them in—no donation is too small!

**You can contribute by sending cash with your child or by making an online donation:**

A/C: Evangelical Church of Bermuda, Clarien Bank #6000282995 (*Please label "VBS"*)

**100% of all donations are given directly to Children's Hunger Fund.**

## VBS SONGS

Music CDs featuring our VBS songs will be available at the registration table, and they can also be accessed digitally below. We encourage children to listen to the songs during the week so they can become familiar with them and join in confidently each evening.

[ECB VBS 2026 Spotify](#) or [ECB VBS 2026 Youtube](#)

## CONTEST AND POINTS

We have a fun boys-vs-girls contest throughout the week!! Points are awarded daily for:

- Attendance
- Bringing a first-time visitor
- Saying the daily memory verse \*
- Saying the theme verse (*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1*)
- Participating in the daily contest

\* *Memory verses are introduced each evening and recited the following day at check-in. Practice at home (or even just in the car on the way to VBS) is encouraged.*

## MEMORY VERSE LIST BY GROUP

-----Print and keep this page in your car or on your fridge for easy review! -----

**NOTE:** All memory verses are from the **ESV translation**

**THEME VERSE** (said nightly): The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

*\* The Day 5 verse is listed for reference only. As VBS concludes on Thursday, there will be no opportunity to recite it for contest points.*

### **SHEEP**

- DAY 1** (recited Mon) The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1  
**DAY 2** (recited Tues) He makes me lie down in green pastures. Psalm 23:2  
**DAY 3** (recited Wed) I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Psalm 23:4  
**DAY 4** (recited Thurs) You prepare a table before me... My cup overflows. Psalm 23:5  
**DAY 5** (\*Reference only) Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me. Psalm 23:6

### **HIGHLAND COWS AND WOOLLY APHIDS**

- DAY 1** (recited Mon) The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1  
**DAY 2** (recited Tues) He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. *Psalm 23:2*  
**DAY 3** (recited Wed) I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *Psalm 23:4*  
**DAY 4** (recited Thurs) You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; my cup overflows. *Psalm 23:5*  
**DAY 5** (\*Reference only) Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. Psalm 23:6

### **RAVENS AND BORDER COLLIES**

- DAY 1** (recited Mon) The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1  
**DAY 2** (recited Tues) He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. *Psalm 23:2-3*  
**DAY 3** (recited Wed) 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. Psalm 23:4  
**DAY 4** (recited Thurs) You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Psalm 23:5  
**DAY 5** (\*Reference only) Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6

### **DAILY CONTESTS:**

*Note: A small prize is awarded each night for all who participate.*

- SUNDAY** Lucky Guess Challenge – Guess the number of rainbow pom-poms  
**MONDAY** Top o' the Hat Day – Wear any hat or headband  
**TUESDAY** Rainbow Burst Day – Color explosion (rainbow or bright colors)  
**WEDNESDAY** Silly Shenanigans Day – Silly lads and lassies (mismatched outfits / silly hair / crazy socks)  
**THURSDAY** Go Green for the Emerald Isle – Wear Irish-themed or anything green