



Emerald Crossing VBS

PROVIDING HOPE TO AN ANXIOUS GENERATION

In a world filled with worry and confusion, kids need to know there is a God who cares for them. At *Emerald Crossing* VBS, they'll journey through Ireland's lush landscapes, exploring the powerful words of Psalm 23. They'll discover the life of the shepherd-king David and will learn how to cross from anxiety to peace, from fear to faith, and from uncertainty to a firm foundation in God's Word through a relationship with the Good Shepherd.

Get your passport ready for Ireland and join the adventure!

A WEEK AT EMERALD CROSSING

Day 1: Lost to Found

We can cross from being lost in our sin to being found by the Good Shepherd when we repent of our sin and believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus on our behalf. Kids will meet David, who knew the Lord was *his* shepherd. Can you say, "The Lord is *my* shepherd?"

Day 2: Wrong Path to Right Path

We can cross from wandering on the wrong path of our own choosing to the right path found in God's Word when we follow the Good Shepherd. Kids will discover that David knew God intimately before he ever went into battle with Goliath and could choose the right path because of that knowledge.

Day 3: Fearful to Peaceful

We can cross from being fearful to peaceful when we focus on God and his care for us. Kids will learn that even when David went through deep valleys, he knew that God was with him and was a comfort to him.

Day 4: Grumbling to Grateful

We can cross from grumbling to being grateful when we thank God for his continued goodness and provision toward us. Kids will discover that David knew God was his generous provider and was able to share that provision with others.

Day 5: Shaky to Sure

We can cross from the shaky foundation of our own ideas to the sure foundation of God and his Word and look for the goodness and mercy he promises to his children. Kids will learn that David looked forward to dwelling in the house of the Lord of forever—and so can we!



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DAY 1

LOST TO FOUND GOSPEL DAY

LOCATION

Sheep Farm in Donegal

BIBLE PASSAGES

[Psalm 23:1](#)

[1 Samuel 17:34–37](#)

LESSON FOCUS

Like David, I can be a child of God and have the Lord as *my* shepherd.

APOLOGETICS FOCUS

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

MEMORY VERSE

[Psalm 23:1](#)

NAME OF GOD

Shepherd

ANIMAL PAL

Mia the Connemara Sheep

CELTIC CORNER CRAFTS

Baa-loved Sheep

Keepsake Ornament—Shepherd's Staff

CELTIC CORNER SCIENCE

Sink or Float

Wet Woolly

GREEN MEADOW GAMES

Gaelic Football

Lost Sheep

STILL WATER SNACKS

Sweet Sheep

Cross Trail Mix

COOL CONTESTS

Guess the Rainbow Skittles

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DAY 2

WRONG PATH TO RIGHT PATH

LOCATION

Green Pastures in County Galway

BIBLE PASSAGES

[Psalm 23:2-3](#)

1 Samuel 17

LESSON FOCUS

Like David, I need the Lord to lead me on the right path through his Word.

APOLOGETICS FOCUS

Is the Bible a trustworthy guide to lead us through life?

MEMORY VERSE

[Psalm 23:2-3](#)

NAME OF GOD

Leader

ANIMAL PAL

Guide the Border Collie

CELTIC CORNER CRAFTS

S.O.A.P. Bible

Puff-Ball Zipper Pull

CELTIC CORNER SCIENCE

Sling Fling

Genetically You

GREEN MEADOW GAMES

Strongman Challenges

Shamrock, Riverdance, Viking

STILL WATER SNACKS

Scene 23:2

Border Collie Paw Print

COOL CONTESTS

Group Spirit Day

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DAY 3

FEARFUL TO PEACEFUL

LOCATION

Black Valley in County Kerry

BIBLE PASSAGES

[Psalm 23:4](#)

1 Samuel 19–23

LESSON FOCUS

Like David, I can turn to the Lord for comfort when I am worried or afraid.

APOLOGETICS FOCUS

Why do we have hard times?

MEMORY VERSE

[Psalm 23:4](#)

NAME OF GOD

Comforter

ANIMAL PAL

Shadow the Raven

CELTIC CORNER CRAFTS

“Don’t Worry, Just Pray” Magnet
Night Light in the Darkness

CELTIC CORNER SCIENCE

Shadow Play
Fear Not

GREEN MEADOW GAMES

Run, David, Run
Walk Through the Valley

STILL WATER SNACKS

Stuffed Staff
Bird’s Nest

COOL CONTESTS

Dress-Up Day

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DAY 4

GRUMBLING TO GRATEFUL

LOCATION

Enemy Territory in Dublin

BIBLE PASSAGES

[Psalm 23:5](#)

[2 Samuel 5:1-5](#)

LESSON FOCUS

Like David, I can have an attitude of gratitude in every situation.

APOLOGETICS FOCUS

Are good things because of "good luck" or a good God?

MEMORY VERSE

[Psalm 23:5](#)

NAME OF GOD

Provider

ANIMAL PAL

Pesky the Woolly Aphid

CELTIC CORNER CRAFTS

Gratitude Attitude Game

Thankube

CELTIC CORNER SCIENCE

Sticky Stuff

Overflow Your Cup

GREEN MEADOW GAMES

Raiders

My Cup Overflows Relays

STILL WATER SNACKS

Piled-High Popcorn

Full Float

COOL CONTESTS

Bible Challenge

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DAY 5

SHAKY TO SURE

LOCATION

Higher Lands in County Antrim

BIBLE PASSAGES

Psalm 23:6

1 Chronicles 22

2 Samuel 7

LESSON FOCUS

Like David, I need to look for God's goodness and mercy, my traveling companions through life.

APOLOGETICS FOCUS

What should rainbows remind us of?

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 23:6

NAME OF GOD

Promise Keeper

ANIMAL PAL

Shirley the Highland Cow

CELTIC CORNER CRAFTS

Psalm Scroll

Highland Cow

CELTIC CORNER SCIENCE

Firm Foundations

Real Rainbows

GREEN MEADOW GAMES

Psalm 23 Obstacle Course

Pot o' Gold

STILL WATER SNACKS

Cow Patties

Spud Circles

COOL CONTESTS

Mission Money Mania