Today, on this Summer Monday: Then Jesus said, "I AM the GOOD SHEPHERD..."

Gather your children together and read John 10:11:

"Lam the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

Application: From Genesis to Revelation, God clearly wants to identify Himself to His people and to make Himself known by His Name. It is great, mighty, power-filled, TRUE, and it is everlasting.

Genesis 49 records the final words of Jacob as he blessed his sons, the Twelve Tribes of Israel. He reminds them that their SHEPHERD led, protected, nourished, and nurtured His people. And the thread of the SHEPHERD continues through Revelation...

"For the LAMB on the throne will be their SHEPHERD. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe every tear from their eyes." Revelation 7:17

The Lost Sheep

As Jesus was speaking to tax collectors and famous sinners, rule and law breakers, He shared the parable about the shepherd who was caring for his flock when one of his lambs wandered off. The shepherd left the others immediately to find the lost one. Upon finding it, he lovingly placed it around his shoulders and carried it back to the flock...rejoicing...

Jesus affirms that there is no greater joy in Heaven than for one rescued, who turns back to God and repents, and returns to the flock. The Heavenly Father loves each one of His children... the GOOD SHEPHERD came to love and to care for the flock... and to rescue those who become lost... for it is God's heart and His desire that none would become lost and perish.

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The GOOD SHEPHERD came for you, and your precious ones... You are HIS precious ones!

Talk with your children about their GOOD SHEPHERD, who runs after them when they lose their way, because they are HIS precious ones. Remind your children that as much as they are loved by you parents, their siblings, extended family, and friends... there is nothing, there is no one, there is no love which can compare to the love and the care of their GOOD SHEPHERD... the ONE who gave His life for His sheep, the One who gave His Life for you and your precious ones. How does it feel to be loved like that? Tell them SO THEY WILL KNOW!

Memory Verse:

"Then Jesus said to them again... I AM the GOOD SHEPHERD..."

John 10:11

Pray to GOD and thank Him for JESUS, the GOOD SHEPHERD who gave His life for all of His children...all ages and all stages. Thank Him for running after His children when they are lost and rejoices when one is found. And, HE is the ONE who wipes the tears from your eyes and from your heart. Thank Him for His love for you and for your precious ones.

