



A good shepherd must always be with his sheep.

He does not sleep. He must never leave the sheep alone. When danger comes, he must not run away. He must stay to protect the sheep. He even dies for the sheep if this is necessary.

A good shepherd loves every single sheep.

He gives each sheep a name. He calls the sheep by name. At night he stands to count the sheep to make sure each one is there. Jesus told a story of a shepherd who had 100 sheep. When one of them was lost, the shepherd went out to find this one little lost lamb. When he found the sheep that was lost, the shepherd put the lamb on his shoulders and carried him home gladly.

A good shepherd cares for needs of the sheep.

The shepherd must find the green grass and the quiet water for his sheep. He must build a sheepfold to keep them warm and safe. He must make sure the sheep gets rest. If the sheep is ill or has a wound, the shepherd must be the doctor and make the sheep

The good shepherd protects the sheep from its enemies.

A good shepherd carries a rod and a staff and offer  
a sling shot to use against the enemies of the sheep.  
He is brave to fight for his sheep when an enemy  
comes.

The Bible says that we are like sheep and Jesus is our  
good shepherd.

Can you tell why Jesus is a good shepherd?

These verses in your Bible might help you.

John 10:11

John 10:14

Psalm 78:52-53

Isaiah 40:11

Luke 15:4-7