# Godis My Friend!

4-WEEK DAILY DEVOTIONAL WITH ACTIVITIES

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### Day 4: How long will God be my friend?

People and animals can have a special kind of friendship. Some people like animals more than people!

# Jesus wants a special kind of friendship with those who trust in him.

He used a word picture of a sheep and shepherd to talk about it.

You are the sheep. Jesus is the Shepherd.

Jesus knows you better than anyone else does.



John 10: 27-28, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

He gives you eternal life – a friendship with God.

He promises you will never be away from God (perish). You learned that yesterday!

Then Jesus used another word picture. **Imagine** that you are sitting down in one of God's hands. **Imagine** his other hand is covering you. No one can take you out of his hands no matter what.

#### God will be your friend and Shepherd always and forever!

What do the sheep do? They **listen** for the shepherd's voice and **follow him**. They **love** him and **trust** him. They **want to be close** to him. As you get to know God, you will become more like these sheep.



Sit or lay down and think about these two word pictures.
<b>Imagine</b> being a sheep that loves your Shepherd, Jesus.
How do you show him you love him?
What do you do when you're scared?
What do you do when you're excited?
Imagine sitting in God's hands. Imagine that nothing can take you awa
from him.
How does that make you feel?

**Imagine** Jesus being your Shepherd as you go through your day today.

## Day 7: Activity



How long will God be your friend?
and

Today you can make something to help you remember this truth.

You can **write** the words **"Always and Forever"** on what you make. Or you can draw this symbol **CO**.

This is an infinity symbol. Infinity never ends. It goes on and on forever. It can remind you of your friendship with God!

Make something that you will see every day. Here are a few ideas:

- A painting.
- A bookmark.
- A small card to carry in your backpack or pocket.
- Something to put by your bed or on your mirror.
- An infinity symbol out of sticks, leaves and flowers.

Be creative! Make something you will enjoy.

As you work, **think about** your wonderful friendship with God.

Talk to God as you work.

**Share** your thoughts with him.

God loves spending time with you and talking with you!