APPLICATION

- Have you received God's forgiveness and peace? How can you know God as your Prince of Peace this week?
- From where do you usually draw your strength and security? How can you draw this from God every day?
- Who can you encourage to know and follow God this week? Think of one friend or family member to encourage and ask God for an opportunity to share the gospel to him/her this week.

PRAYER

- Thank God for being your great Shepherd who became the Lamb. Thank Him for reconciling you to Himself.
- Pray that God would always be your source of strength, security, and peace. Pray that you would look to God for all you do every day, not to your circumstances, yourself, or anyone else.
- Ask God for boldness to share about who He is and what He has done for you, especially as you attend reunions and celebrations. Pray for your friends and family who don't know Jesus yet to surrender their lives to Him.



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The Shepherd who Became the Lamb

WEEK 2

NOTES

WARM-UP

- What's one thing you do to feel at peace? Why?
- Tell us about one thing you wish you could protect your loved ones from. Why?
- Recall a time when you helped bring peace in a broken relationship. What happened?

WORD

⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵And he shall be their peace... MICAH 5:4,5

In the midst of oppression and hollow peace, God promised His people salvation and true peace. He promised to send a Shepherd, His Son, who chose to sacrifice Himself for us and take away the sins of the world. Jesus is our ultimate Shepherd who provides strength, security, and peace, which no one else can provide. In this lesson, we will take a closer look at our great Shepherd, and who He promises to be for us.

God is our strength.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. . . . MICAH 5:4

God, as our Shepherd, strengthens us in our weakness. Without Him, we, His sheep, are limited and incapable. But with Him, we can do all things. How have you learned to draw strength from God in difficult times?

2 God is our security.

. . . And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. місан 5:4

Our security should not be based on what we see or what we have. Because circumstances change, if we trust in these, we will become insecure when things don't go our way. But if your security is based on God and what He thinks of us, we won't fall and we won't be afraid of changing circumstances. What do you think it means to *dwell secure*?

3 God is our peace.

And he shall be their peace. . . . MICAH 5:5

God doesn't just give us strength and security—He provides us with peace because He is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). This peace is a result of being reconciled to God and receiving His forgiveness for our sins. How is this peace eternal and true, beyond what anything or anyone can give us?