

The King of Love

Verse 1

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am His
and He is mine forever.

Verse 4

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With Thee dear Lord beside me.
Thy rod and staff, my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

about this hymn:

Words: Henry Baker, Psalm 23 Music: Traditional Irish Melody

Long ago, a man named Henry Baker was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words a hymn called "The King of Love" We're going to learn two verses from it.

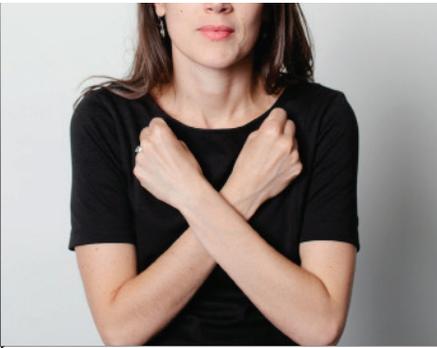
God's people praise God for being the King of love. He is their king who they obey. It is delightful having Him as their king because all that He does comes from His heart of love for them and for the glory of His name. He takes care of them like a good shepherd does his sheep. Sheep are very stupid and need someone to take care all of their needs or else they will die. God does this for His people. They lack nothing; His goodness never fails them; even when facing death, they still fear nothing "ill" because He is with them. God's people know God will care for them after death by taking them to heaven to be with Him forever. We can become God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

The King of Love, v.1

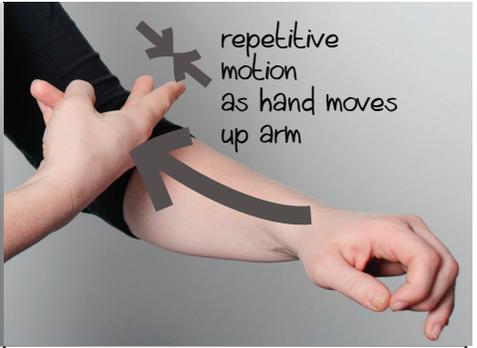
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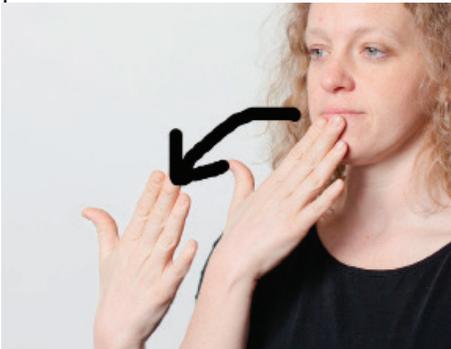
King
Right "K" hand, palm facing left. touches left shoulder, then is brought down touch right hip.



Love
Fists are crossed on chest, palms facing body.



Shepherd
Back of right "V" hand is placed on back of left forearm. Open and close right "V" fingers as they move up left forearm.



Goodness
Fingers of right flat hand are placed at lips, then brought forward. Some end this sign by resting the right hand in the upturned palm of the left flat hand.



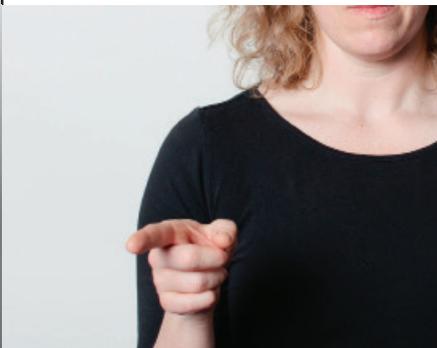
Never
Open, right hand, palm facing forward and fingers together, makes a short semi-circle out to the right, then moves straight down, similar to the shape of a question mark.



I
Point to self with right index finger.



Lack
Extended index finger of right hand, palm facing forward, is struck against left middle finger and continues a bit further down.



He
Point right index finger forward and up (for God).



Forever
Downturned right "Y" hand moves up and away from body.

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Death's

Clap the right hand on top of the left hand several times.



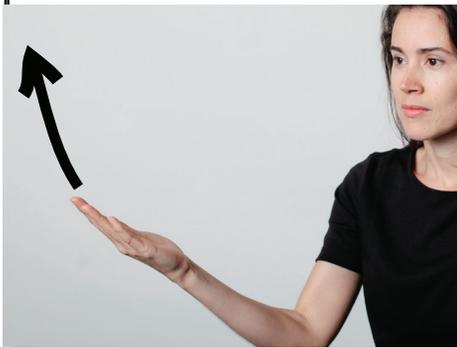
Fear

Move hands, fingers together, across chest inward at the same time, opening hands as you move inward.



III

Both "X" hands, held near sides with palms facing up, move upward and outward in circles simultaneously.



Thee

Right open hand moves up a short ways from shoulder height.



Beside

Hold flat hands together in front of chest, fingertips pointing outward. Move right hand to the right a short distance.



Rod, Staff

Fingers of right "F" hand, palm facing down, touch fingers of left "F" hand, palm facing body. Right "F" hand is then brought up and to the right, as if tracing the length of a staff.



Comfort

Rub right curved hand over back of left curved hand. Then rub left curved hand over back of right curved hand.



Cross

Middle, bent finger of right "5" hand touches middle of left open palm, palms facing each other. Then middle, bent finger of left "5" hand touches middle of right open palm, palms facing each other.



Guide

Right hand grasps fingers of left flat hand and leads it forward a short distance.

The LORD Is My Shepherd

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul,
He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of death,
I will fear no evil, For You are with me,
Your rod and Your staff they comfort me,
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me,
All of the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD,
Forever and ever and ever.
Psalm Twenty-three, verses one through four, and six.

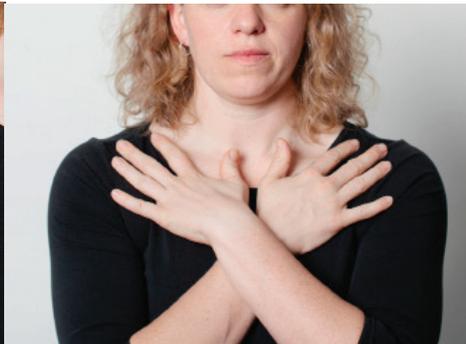
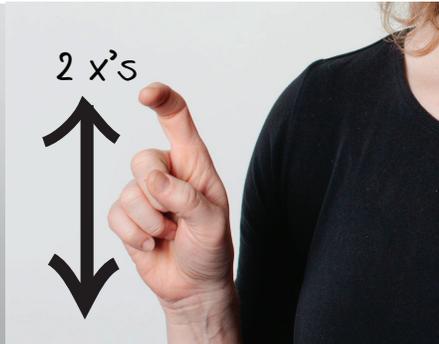
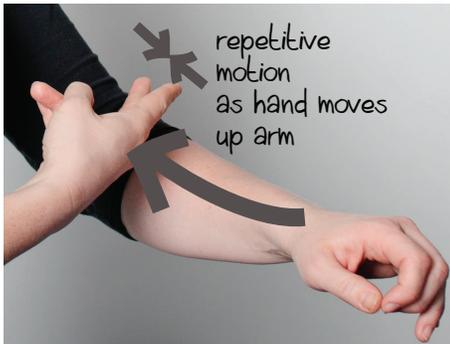
about this Bible verse:

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These verses remind us that God loves His people and cares for their needs completely, just like a good shepherd loves and takes care of his sheep.

The LORD Is My Shepherd: Psalm 23:1-6

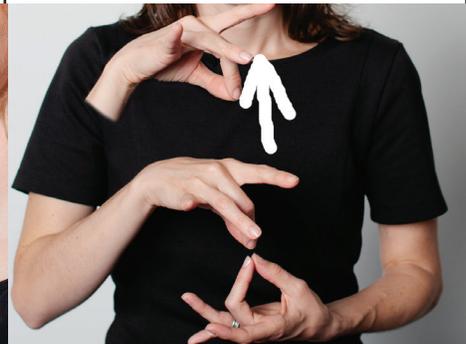
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Shepherd
Back of right "V" hand is placed on back of left forearm. Open and close right "V" fingers as they move up left forearm.

Want
Right "X" hand, is thrust up and down a few times.

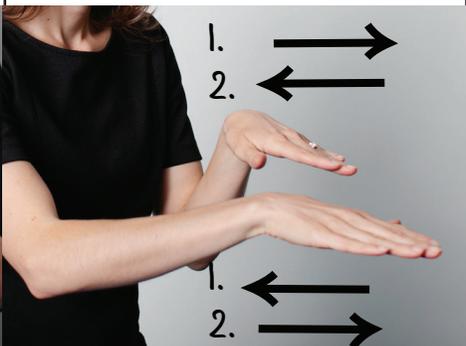
Lie Down
Arms are folded across chest, palms facing the body.



Pastures
Open right hand, palm towards face, moves up under mouth and nose several times.

Waters
Touch mouth with index finger of right "W" hand a couple times.

Soul
Touch the thumbs and index fingers of both "T" hands to each other, right hand above left, palms facing each other. Draw hands apart in an upward motion.



Paths
Flat hands, palms facing each other, move forward and progressively closer.

Name's
Index and middle finger of right "N" hand are brought down to rest on index and middle finger of left "N" hand. Both sets of fingers are pointing outward diagonally.

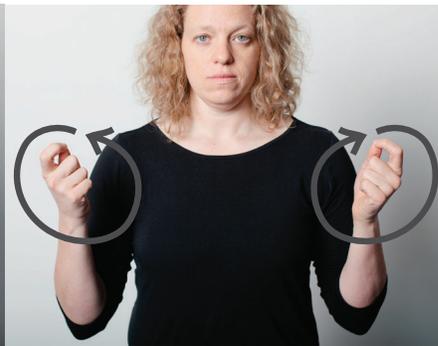
Walk
Right flat hand is placed in front of left flat hand, both palms facing down. Hands alternate move back and forth.

The LORD Is My Shepherd: Psalm 23:1-6, continued

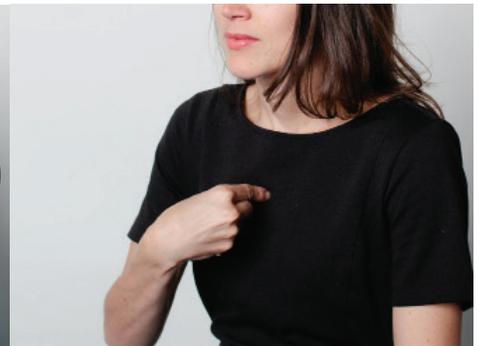
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Death
Hold both flat hands in front of body with fingertips pointing forward, right flat hand palm up and left flat hand palm down. Flip both over towards the left until the right palm is face down and the left palm is face up.



Evil
Both "X" hands, held near sides with palms facing up, move upward and outward in circles simultaneously.



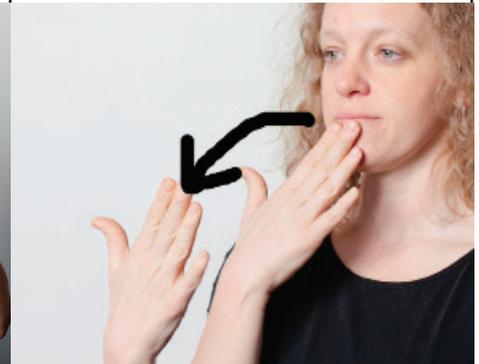
Me
Point to self with right index finger.



Rod, Staff
Fingers of right "F" hand, palm facing down, touch fingers of left "F" hand, palm facing body. Right "F" hand is then brought up and to the right, as if tracing the length of a staff.



Comfort
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Goodness
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Days
Tap thumb of right "5" hand on forehead a few times.



Dwell
Upturned thumbs of "A" hands move upward in front of chest in unison.



Forever
Downturned right "Y" hand moves up and away from body.

The King of Love

C F G C G Am C F C F Csus⁴

1.;The_ King of love my_ shep - herd is, whose good - ness fail - eth__ nev -
 4.In__ death's dark vale I__ fear no ill, with_ Thee, dear Lord, be - side
 6.And_ so through all the_ length of days, Thy_ good - ness fail - eth__ nev -

8 C Am F C Dm G Am

er. I no - thing lack if I am His and
 me. Thy rod and staff my com - fort still, thy
 er. Good shep - herd may I sing Thy praise with -

13 Em F C G F C

He is mine for - ev - - er.
 cross be - fore to guide me.
 in Thy house for - ev - - er.

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 6 wa-ters, He re-stores my soul. He guides me in paths of righ-teous-ness for
 11 His name's sake, E-ven though I walk thru the val-ley of death, I will fear no e-vil for
 16 You are with me, Your rod and Your staff they com-fort me, Sure-ly good-ness and mer-cy will fol-low me.
 21 All of the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for-
 25 ev-er and ev-er and ev-er. Psalm Twen-ty-three ver-ses one thru four and six.

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