

## GENTLENESS – Week 1 Skit

**Definition:** Responding in a kind and careful way

**Verse:** Ephesians 4:2 (NLT) – “Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowances for each other’s faults because of your love.”

**Week 1:** God responds to us with gentleness.

**Main Scripture:** Psalm 23 (The Lord is our Shepherd)

**Other Scriptures:** Psalm 103

**Characters:**

Brewster - Sheep from New York, dramatic  
“Shep” the Shepherd - Calm and gentle

**Props:**

Meadow scenery  
Fence  
Collar  
Flashlight

**At Home Suggestions:**

- Choose an area in or around your house for the stage. This week is set outside, so try using your backyard if it’s a nice day.
- Make sure whoever plays Shep has a staff. You can use a cane, a stick, a broom...get creative!
- Since Brewster is from New York, try your best New York accent when acting out the character!

**Helpful Hints:**

- Stage directions (what the characters are intended to do or how they are intended to act) are written in *ITALICS*.
- Take time reading through all of Psalm 23 together after acting out the skit.

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*Brewster is asleep on the stage.*

Shepherd: Come on, Brewster, it’s time to wake up!

Brewster: Aww – 5 more minutes, Shep! (*Rolls over and goes back to sleep*)

Shepherd: Brewster, I already let you sleep 15 extra minutes. You need to wake up so we can catch up with the rest of the flock. They're already eating breakfast!

Brewster: I can skip breakfast. Just let me sleep already!

Shepherd: Do I need to get the staff?

Brewster: (*Jumps up*) No no, Shep! I'm up! I'm up! No need for the staff! (*Stretches and then starts eating grass*)

Shepherd: Thank you! Wait - what are you doing?

Brewster: You said everyone was eating breakfast. I'm hungry so I'm eating.

Shepherd: (*Chuckles*) Yes Brewster. They are eating breakfast, but not here. I found a better, greener pasture for you guys across the valley! There are even dandelions over there!

Brewster: Dandelions? You know how much I loooove dandelions...they're so pretty and they taste SOOO good!

Shepherd: Brewster, of course I know that, I'm your shepherd!

Brewster: Well, I can't leave without my lucky collar.

Shepherd: I've got it right here - see? (*Puts it on Brewster*) I have everything you will need for the day! Are you ready?

Brewster: Yeah yeah, alright. You said it was right over there?

Shepherd: It's just across the valley. Are you ready?

Brewster: (*Entire bit incredibly dramatic*) Across the valley?!?!? That's so far! You think I should walk all the way over there on an empty stomach? What if I pass out from hunger? What if I am sooo weak from starvation that I don't make it all the way there and I collapse on the way?

Shepherd: Brewster, I'm your shepherd. I will take care of you. If you get too tired, I'll let you rest in the meadow.

Brewster: Ugh, okay...but what if I get thirsty? It's starting to get hot you know with that sun coming up...

Shepherd: Well, we will take the path by the stream and if you get thirsty we can stop and get a drink of cool water.

Brewster: Really, Shep? Wow, you must really love me or something! I think maybe I'm your favorite of all the sheep. Don't worry - I won't tell any of the others.

Shepherd: (*Chuckles*) Alrighty, Brewster...come on now, let's go.

*They start walking - Brewster stops suddenly and dramatically*

Shepherd: Brewster, what's wrong?

Brewster: Oh...ummm...well, Shep, uh there's a small problem.

Shepherd: Ok, what's the problem?

Brewster: Well, umm you see, the problem is...*(whispers because he is embarrassed)* well the valley is a little dark.

Shepherd: Ohhhh, I see.....

Brewster: *(Covering)* But it's not like I'm afraid of the dark or anything! No, no, not me... I'm just a little concerned about things that might be hiding...in the dark...where I can't see them...*(hides behind Shepherd)*.

Shepherd: Brewster, what have I told you about myself today?

Brewster: That...you're my shepherd?

Shepherd: That's right. Don't be afraid. I'm right here with you. Look - I even brought my flashlight just in case it gets too dark. And remember what else I have?

Brewster: Big muscles?

Shepherd: *(Laughs)* Besides my muscles, I have my staff! I can use it to protect you!

Brewster: Protect me? I thought you only used that to poke me when I don't wake up!

Shepherd: *(Smiling)* Well, it is good for that too. Come on, let's keep walking. Those dandelions are waiting for you!

Brewster: You're right! It's going to be soooo worth it when I get there. I can't wait to eat some fresh green grass and some giant dandelions...Oh hey, Shep?

Shepherd: Yeah?

Brewster: Do you think we could take a detour and go to the field where all those daisies are? That would be amazing, you know?

Shepherd: Not today, Brewster. We are already late, and the other sheep are waiting for us!

Brewster: *(Getting upset)* What? It's only an extra 3 minutes, Shep! It's not like they know what time we're going to be there anyway...ugh, fine. I'll just go without you! *(Starts walking opposite direction)*

Shepherd: Brewster, do you remember what happens when I have to discipline a sheep that runs away?

Brewster: *(Hangs head)* You gotta use that big ole stick...

Shepherd: Yes. Do I need to do that with you?

Brewster: NOOOOOO! No thank you! You know what, I'll admit it, I've put on a little fur, and I don't know if you're strong enough to carry me anymore...so, maybe the daisies aren't such a good idea after all.

Shepherd: Good decision, Brewster.

Brewster: Hey Shep? How come you're always so kind?

Shepherd: Well, I'm a shepherd. And us shepherds are known for our gentleness.

Brewster: Gentleness? Using that staff of yours is not what I would call gentle...

Shepherd: Well, Brewster, gentleness is responding in a kind and careful way. That means I'm going to be nice to you AND take care of you. Sometimes that means I have to discipline you, because I love you, and so that you learn the difference between what is good and what is harmful for you.

Brewster: Oooh...so you love me?!?! I'm your favorite sheep!!! (*Winks dramatically*). You want what is best for me so you respond to me with gentleness. I like it!

Shepherd: Hahah, very good! Do you know that God is the same way with us? **God responds to us with gentleness.** He leads us, comforts us, protects us, provides for us... like how I try to care for you and the other sheep!

Brewster: Wow, that's good news, Shep! I'm glad God responds to us with gentleness. And I'm thankful for you how show me what He's like.

Shepherd: Well, thank you, Brewster. Guess what? We are almost to the pasture! Are you hungry?

Brewster: OHHOHO...you bet I am! Hey - do you want to race the rest of the way there? On your mark, get set, GO!

*Brewster and Shep run off the stage.*

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