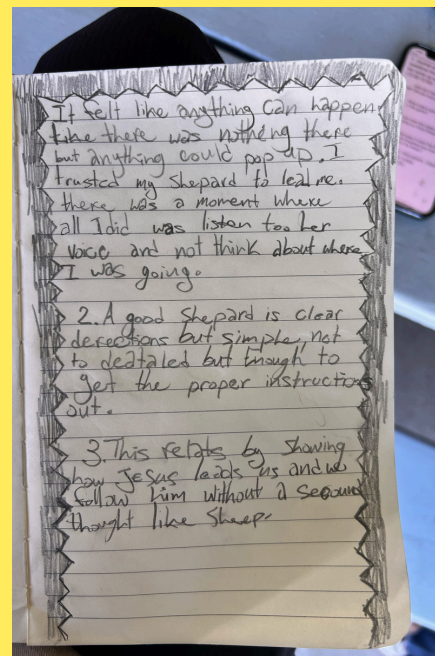


# LISTENING TO OUR GOOD SHEPHERD

Our 7th and 8th grade girls recently continued their Bible study of the “I Am” statements of Jesus with the lesson, “I Am the Good Shepherd.” Together, they explored what it means to listen closely to the voice of Jesus—the one true Shepherd who knows us by name and leads us with love, care, and purpose.

To make this truth come alive, the girls went outside for a fun and faith-filled challenge. Working in pairs, one student played the role of the “sheep,” blindfolded, while the other became the “shepherd,” guiding her partner through an obstacle course using only her voice. There was plenty of laughter and teamwork, but also moments of quiet focus as the girls realized how hard—and how important—it can be to truly listen and trust.

Through this experience, the 7th and 8th graders discovered that following Jesus often means tuning out distractions and learning to recognize His voice above all others. Just as the sheep had to trust their shepherd’s direction, we too can trust that Jesus lovingly leads and protects us. Even when we stray or lose our way, our Good Shepherd is always near, ready to guide us back to the right path.



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