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HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE
for Elementary

SUMMER C
Lesson 1

Your Purpose

“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.”

Psalm 23:1

What’s the real value in expressing appreciation to others? I enjoy writing notes of thanks because I like to build others up—but in that process, I also receive fulfillment! It’s the same with my kids. It’s easy to grow so busy that I begin to see them like pieces on the chessboard to be moved from one place to another. But when I take the time to really look at my kids and notice their growing abilities, it’s important that I tell them, “I am so grateful God put you in my life! I see He created you for a purpose.” It’s more than saying kind words—it refocuses me on God’s big plan. It gets me excited about what He has done, is doing, and will do in the lives of my own kids! He is my Shepherd—and theirs, too. I can trust Him for their futures. He has it all!

Try This:

Ask your kids, **What do you think you might want to do when you are an adult? What interests you most right now?** Describe the qualities you see developing in them. Talk about different kinds of ways their abilities might be best used. **You are compassionate when people are sad or hurting. Nurses, counselors, and good friends have those qualities.** Or you might notice, **You like things to be very orderly. Accountants, editors, and engineers have those qualities.** God has given you amazing gifts! He has given you those gifts for a reason. He has a big purpose for your life.