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Look at the baby lamb on the front of this sheet. What if a wolf wanted to snatch this lamb from its mother? Can a lamb protect itself from a wolf? Probably not. Can another sheep protect the lamb? Probably not. Can a shepherd protect the sheep? He can if he's strong enough. It takes a strong shepherd to protect sheep.

The Bible uses the idea of a shepherd and his sheep to teach us an important truth. If you are truly following Jesus - trusting in him for your forgiveness - God gives you eternal life and you will never lose your salvation. God will keep you trusting in Jesus during your life, and when you die you will live with him in heaven forever.

What does Jesus say about the sheep (people) to whom he has given eternal life? ***They will never perish.*** Not one of them will be lost. All of them will be welcomed into heaven. Why? Because Jesus is holding on to them. He holds them tightly and keeps them. Jesus is God. Is anyone stronger than God? Can anyone steal from God? No, of course not! If you are a Christian, you can know you are saved because **God** saves and keeps you.

Think and pray about these questions with your dad or mom.

- Are you trusting in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and your hope of eternal life?
- In what situations are you tempted to think you might lose your salvation?
- Does it help knowing God is the one who saves and keeps you? How does knowing this help you?