

Dear

*It may seem funny that a rod and staff can provide comfort but not many people would have imagined that a cross where someone died could be comforting either.*

*In David's times a rod and staff was used by shepherds as a guide and protection. The staff guided sheep across open fields and along rocky hillsides. It was a helpful tool for making sure they stay on track. The rod, the curly end of the staff, was used to pull sheep out of dangerous or unfortunate situations such as if a sheep was caught in thick brush or had fallen into deep water. Also, the rod was used to defend the sheep against predators.*

*I have the right tools to be your Shepherd. My rod and staff which provides comfort, keeps you happy, safe, secure, content, satisfied, healthy and lots more. They are My true, powerful Words, found in the bible which are My guidance and protection for you. A symbol of my constant care, they are used to help you stay on the path, or to get back to the path that I directed for you. They are used to keep you close to Me and to protect you from enemies or any other harmful thing that may want to attack and devour you.*

*May my unfailing love be a comfort to you always.*

*Love Forever*

*God*

*P.S.*

*If you want to write a letter back to me, thanking Me for having all the right tools in caring for you, pen it down in your prayer journal. Don't forget to read it to Me before you go to bed.*

*For Art & Craft maybe you can make your own shepherd's rod to be reminded of My guidance and protection. Instructions are as follows:*

*1. Get an A4 paper or bigger or a sheet of newspapers depending on how long you would like your rod.*

*2. From one corner, roll it to make a "pole" - a thin cylinder, using a pencil, the end of a wooden spoon or anything cylindrical for assistance.*

*3. You will need to glue the end down well.*

*4. With your hands, flatten one end and shape it around your wrist until it curves.*

*5. Decorate your rod.*

