

The Lost Sheep



Parents, below are a couple of ideas you can use at home to reinforce and further teach on the Bible story.

“This week we learned a new Bible story. Can you remind me what the story was about? Excellent. Let’s do a couple of things to help us remember what we learned!”

Overview:

Bible Basis: Luke 15:3-7

Bible Truth: Jesus loves me!

Snack Idea: The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Supplies: 1 large marshmallow, 1 mini marshmallow, 5 pretzel sticks

These marshmallows can be turned into a sheep. Using the larger marshmallow for a body, the smaller for a head and the sticks as legs and a neck.

Pray: Thank You, God, for loving me and taking care of me. Thank You for today’s snack. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Practice the Bible truth, *Jesus loves me!*

Craft: Sheep Mask

Supplies:

- 1 paper or Styrofoam plate (or a piece of paper)
- Cotton balls or raw macaroni noodles
- Glue stick, white craft glue or double-sided tape
- Scissors

How to do it:

- Cut out the inside of the paper plate so that you have an open circle surrounded by a ring.
- Glue on cotton balls or noodles to the paper ring (“dip, dip, dip, STICK!”).
- Use the middle part of the plate to cut out some ears and glue them onto the back.
- When your child finishes their mask, have them place it over their face and connect it back to what they learned from the lost sheep.



Say:

Just like the Shepherd in the story loved, cared for and searched for his sheep, Jesus loves us. Can you say the Bible truth again, do you remember the actions? ***“Jesus loves me!”***

Activity:

Start by asking a few questions:

- “What was the Bible story about?”
- “What is the Bible truth?”
- “Can you tell and show me the Bible truth?”

Game Time: *The Lost Sheep*

Supplies: A small sheep or another item you can use as a sheep!

- Remind your kids that the shepherd in the story had 100 sheep. Tell the kids they will be counting to 100. Count with the kids to 99.
- When you get to 99, tell the kids that one sheep is missing. “Oh no, we must find the lost sheep.” The Shepherd is very sad.
- Tell them that they are going to pretend to be shepherds and look for the lost sheep.
- Have the kids hide their eyes—face a wall, close their eyes and cup their hands around their face to block their eyes.
- Hide the sheep somewhere in the room.
- Tell the “shepherds” to go find the lost sheep.
- Repeat this game.
- If time permits, ask each child to take a turn hiding the sheep.
- Then, ask the kids to say the Bible truth—“*Jesus loves me!*”