



Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

Bible Passage: Psalm 23; John 10:1–30

(Good Shepherd)

REMEMBER VERSE

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
John 17:3

Activity

Wool Toss (for older kids)

Help your child(ren) think about sheep and shepherds.

SUPPLIES

- Cotton balls (at least 5 per child)
- Large-mouthed plastic jar
- Masking tape
- Watch or cell phone with a timer on it

SET UP

Tape a line on the floor. Place the plastic jar 2 feet from the line.

RELATE

Today we're going to hear about sheep. Let's play a game called Toss the Sheep. We're going to pretend these cotton balls are little sheep that we are trying to put into the pen, this jar.

Line up your child behind the line. Your child will take a turn tossing a cotton ball into the jar. If they make the jar, move the jar 6 inches farther from the line and repeat. Continue playing, see how far your child can shoot the cotton ball and still make it into the jar!

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The Big God Story (watch the Children's Ministry video on the Living Hope Church

website or from the Weekend update email)

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Ponder Point: Jesus Is the Good Shepherd



WHEN I READ THE BIBLE, I CAN...



DRAW IT



WRITE IT



RESEARCH IT



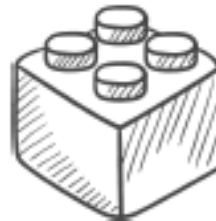
PRAY IT

IMAGINE IT



SING IT

PLAY IT



ASK IT



SPEAK IT

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Reflect: Jesus Seeks and Saves

Encourage kids to open their Bibles and read the suggested passages.

Questions

- **Who is the Good Shepherd?** John 10:11,14 (*Jesus*)
- **Who does Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protect us from?** John 10:10 (*The Thief – Satan*)
- **What did Jesus come to give to us?** John 10:10 (*A rich and satisfying life*)
- **What are three ways Jesus takes care of us as His sheep?**
 - 1—John 10:3,27 (*He watches over them; he leads us*)
 - 2—Psalm 23:1–2 (*He gives all that we need; renews our strength*)
 - 3—John 10:9; Psalm 23:4 (*He saves us; He is always with us*)
- **How do you hear Jesus' voice?** (*By praying; getting to know God and listening for His voice; by learning about His Word; Reading the Bible; asking God to reveal Himself to you*)
- **What good future does Jesus plan for His sheep?** Psalm 23:6; John 10:27–28 (*He has good things for us that will follow us our whole lives if we follow Him; He gives us His love; He gives us eternal life that no one can take away from us!*)
- **How do you want to see your life become fuller?** John 10:10

BLESS// 5 min.

RELATE

Open a Bible and read Psalm 23:

**“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name’s sake.
Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.”**

Bless the children individually by going to each one, placing a hand on his head or shoulder, and saying,

(Child’s name), **may you always follow your Good Shepherd, Jesus. May you hear His voice, enjoy the good things He provides, and rest in His love and protection for you.**