



JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD



John 10:2-5; 11-16

But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers." I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, ¹⁵ even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd.



PRESCHOOL



WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet

TABLE #2 -

Floor - cars, trains, tracks and roads



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Have preschoolers tidy up the room and meet in the story time area. FOLLOW THE SHEPHERD --- Play this game much like Follow the Leader. Have preschoolers form a line behind you and follow you around the room mimicing your movements (i.e. walk on tip toe, take long steps, creeze in place). **Sheep follow their shepherd and listen to what the shepherd tells them to do. Just like sheep follow their shepherd, we can follow Jesus because He leads us and keeps us safe. Let's listen to see what other things a shepherd does to keep the sheep safe.**



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Options: 1) Read the story from the Bible story sheet; or 2) Play the story video on the TV

Jesus came to save us because He loves us.



SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the April 2026 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Assist preschoolers with learning the key passage.

Luke 19:10

**The Son of Man came to find
lost people and save them.**



ACTIVITIES

FIND THE SHEEP

- Have an assistant hide the sheep in the room while preschoolers are occupied with other toys or activities. Show interested preschoolers the basket or sheep pen and tell them there are 12 sheep hidden in the room.
- When all the sheep have been located, say **Thank you for helping me find all the sheep. Jesus is like a shepherd, too. He came to find lost people and save them. He is always seeking people to help him tell others about God.**

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COTTON BALL SHEEP

- Place the cotton balls within easy reach of preschoolers and remove the protective paper from the prepared sheep shape. If they want, they can color the picture. Add their name to the paper.
- **Sheep need help to be sure they are safe. Jesus is like a shepherd and He will always care for you and love you. When we listen to His word, the Bible, and follow what it says, we will learn more about God and His love for us.**



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.