

Toddling Through God's Word: The Lost Sheep

"Jesus is the Good Shepherd" to the tune of "Old Mac Donald:"

Jesus is the good shepherd. B-I-B-L-E

And we are Jesus's little sheep. B-I-B-L-E

With a baa baa here. And a baa baa there. Here a baa. There a baa.

Everywhere a baa baa.

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Activity 1: Jesus is the Shepherd (Luke 15:4-7)

You Need:

- Pipe cleaner
- Green construction paper
- Glue
- Cotton balls

Say: "A shepherd takes care of sheep. Jesus is our shepherd. Jesus takes care of us."

1. Help your child cut a pipe cleaner in half with scissors. Twist one half to make the head and arms. Wrap the other half around the "neck" and twist to create the body and the legs.
2. Assist your child in gluing the pipe cleaner person on the green construction paper. The pipe cleaner person represents Jesus, the shepherd.
3. Have your child glue on cotton balls on the green construction paper. The cotton balls represent sheep.



Activity 2: Sheep Mask (Luke 15:4-7)

You Need:

- Paper plate
- Cotton balls
- Black construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- White marker or crayon

Say: "Sheep need a shepherd. A shepherd takes care of sheep. Jesus says that He is our shepherd. We are the sheep. Jesus takes care of us."

1. Use scissors to cut out eye-holes in the paper plate.
2. Have your child glue cotton balls on the paper plate for the wool.
3. Help your child cut out ears and a snout from the black construction paper.
4. Help your child glue the ears and snout on the sheep. You may have to use a cool glue gun to get this to stick on the cotton balls.



Activity 3: Shepherd Staff Craft (Luke 15:4-7)

You Need:

- Pipe cleaner
- Penne pasta noodles

Say: "A shepherd uses a staff to protect his sheep. Jesus protects us like a shepherd protects his sheep. A shepherd uses a staff to guide his sheep. Jesus guides us like a shepherd guides his sheep."

1. Help your child string penne pasta noodles on a pipe cleaner.
2. Assist your child in curving the top of the pipe cleaner, so that it looks like a shepherd's staff.



Activity 4: Hide and Seek Sheep (Luke 15:4-7)

No materials needed.

Say: "Jesus told a story. A shepherd had lots and lots of sheep. One of his sheep was lost. The shepherd went to find it."

1. Play hide and seek with your child. The hider represents the sheep. The seeker represents the shepherd. Whoever hides, can say, "baa" when they are found.
2. Tell your child that Jesus looks for us when we are lost just like a shepherd looks for his sheep. Jesus loves us.

Activity 5: Marshmallow Sheep Snack (Luke 15:4-7)

You Need:

- Campfire-size marshmallow
- 2 mini chocolate chips
- 2 pretzel sticks

Say: "Jesus told a story. In that story He taught us the He is like a shepherd and we are like sheep. He taught us that He loves us."

1. Assemble the sheep with the ingredients in the box to the left. Use the picture below as a guide.
2. Let your child enjoy the marshmallow snack.

