



Preschool Lesson



Lesson 1: The Good Shepherd



Whatchagaddaknow:

"The Lord Is My Shepherd, So I Will Follow Him!"



Power Verse:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need."

- Psalm 23:1

Before the Lesson

- * Collect the items for the activities you plan to use, referring to the Classroom Supplies and Lesson Manual Supplies listed in the chart.
- * Pray for your students and for God's direction in teaching the class.

This Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Classroom Supplies	Lesson Manual Supplies
Bible Story – This week, the kids will learn from the parable of the lost sheep (Luke 15:1-7).		Bible Story Pictures (pg. 5-8)
Hands-On-Learning – The kids will learn that they are like sheep and God is the Good Shepherd.	Toy sheep	
Craft Option #1 – Bible Story Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 9)
Craft Option #2 - Sheep Craft	Crayons or markers, glue, cotton balls, cardstock	Sheep Craft Print Piece (pg. 10)
Craft Option #3 – Kids With Jesus Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Kids With Jesus Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 11)



Bible Story

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Pictures (provided on pg. 5-8)

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Pictures. Have the children gathered around so they can see the pictures.

Say- Jesus told a story to his disciples. *(show pic)* Jesus tells of a shepherd who had a hundred sheep. Make a sheep sound with me. *(Baa like a sheep along with the kids)*

Say- Every morning, he took the sheep from the safe place they slept at night and led them to new, fresh pastures.

Say- The sheep loved to roam around and eat grass. Later in the day, the shepherd would take them to a quiet place to get fresh water. At night, the shepherd took the sheep back to a safe place to sleep.

Say- Every day, the sheep followed the shepherd wherever he took them. He called them by name, and they came to him. Every night, he would count them to make sure they were all there.

Say- One night, the shepherd discovered something terrible. He was supposed to have 100 sheep, but there were only 99. That meant one little sheep was missing. Oh no!

Say- Since the shepherd knew that 99 of his sheep were safe, he left them and went to find the one lost sheep. *(show pic)*

Say- He went searching through the dark, stormy night. He looked high and low, far and near. *(show pic)*

Say- Suddenly, he looked in the distance and saw the lost sheep. It was stuck in a bush. The shepherd freed the sheep, *(show pic)* then put the little sheep on his shoulder and carried it safely home.

Say- He did not get mad at the sheep and punish it for running away. Instead, he rejoiced and was very happy that he had found the little sheep.

Say- In this story, the shepherd is like God. The sheep are like you, me, and all people. Jesus was showing the disciples that God cares for us so much that He will do whatever it takes to rescue us from the sins of this world. He wants to be our shepherd and lead us safely through life!

Pray



Hands-On Learning

Supplies Needed: Toy sheep

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, gather classroom materials. Have the children gathered around so they can see any illustration materials.

Say- Today, we are going to learn about a shepherd and his sheep. Does anyone know what a shepherd does?

-Allow time for response-

Say- A shepherd is someone who takes care of sheep! He makes sure they are safe, that they have enough food to eat, and that they don't get lost.

(Show the toy sheep)

Say- This is a sheep. We are kind of like sheep, too! Just like sheep need a shepherd to take care of them, we need someone to take care of us. And guess what? God is like our shepherd!

Ask- How does a shepherd take care of the sheep?

-Allow time for response-

Say- That's right! A shepherd makes sure his sheep have everything they need, like food, water, and safety. He also keeps them from getting lost. If one of the sheep wanders away, the shepherd will look for it until he finds it. That's how much he loves his sheep!

Say- We are like God's sheep, and He is our shepherd. He watches over us and gives us everything we need. But, just like sheep have to follow their shepherd, we have to choose to follow God.

Say- When we follow God, we will have all that we need. He will take care of us, just like the shepherd takes care of his sheep.

Say- We have to choose to make God our shepherd. That means we listen to Him, trust Him, and follow Him!

Say- Let's say this together: The Lord Is My Shepherd, So I Will Follow Him! *(Have kids repeat the phrase with you)*



Craft #1: Bible Story Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 9); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.



Craft #2: Sheep Craft

Supplies Needed: Sheep Craft Print Piece (provided on pg. 10); Crayons or Markers; Glue; Cotton Balls; Cardstock

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Sheep Craft Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough craft pages for each kid to have one set. This will work best if printed on cardstock. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for crafting.

How To Do Craft - Allow the kids to decorate the page with crayons or markers and then glue cotton balls to the body of the sheep. As you help the kids with the craft, talk about how we should follow God, our Good Shepherd!



Craft #3: Kids With Jesus Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Kids With Jesus Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 11); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Kids With Jesus Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.



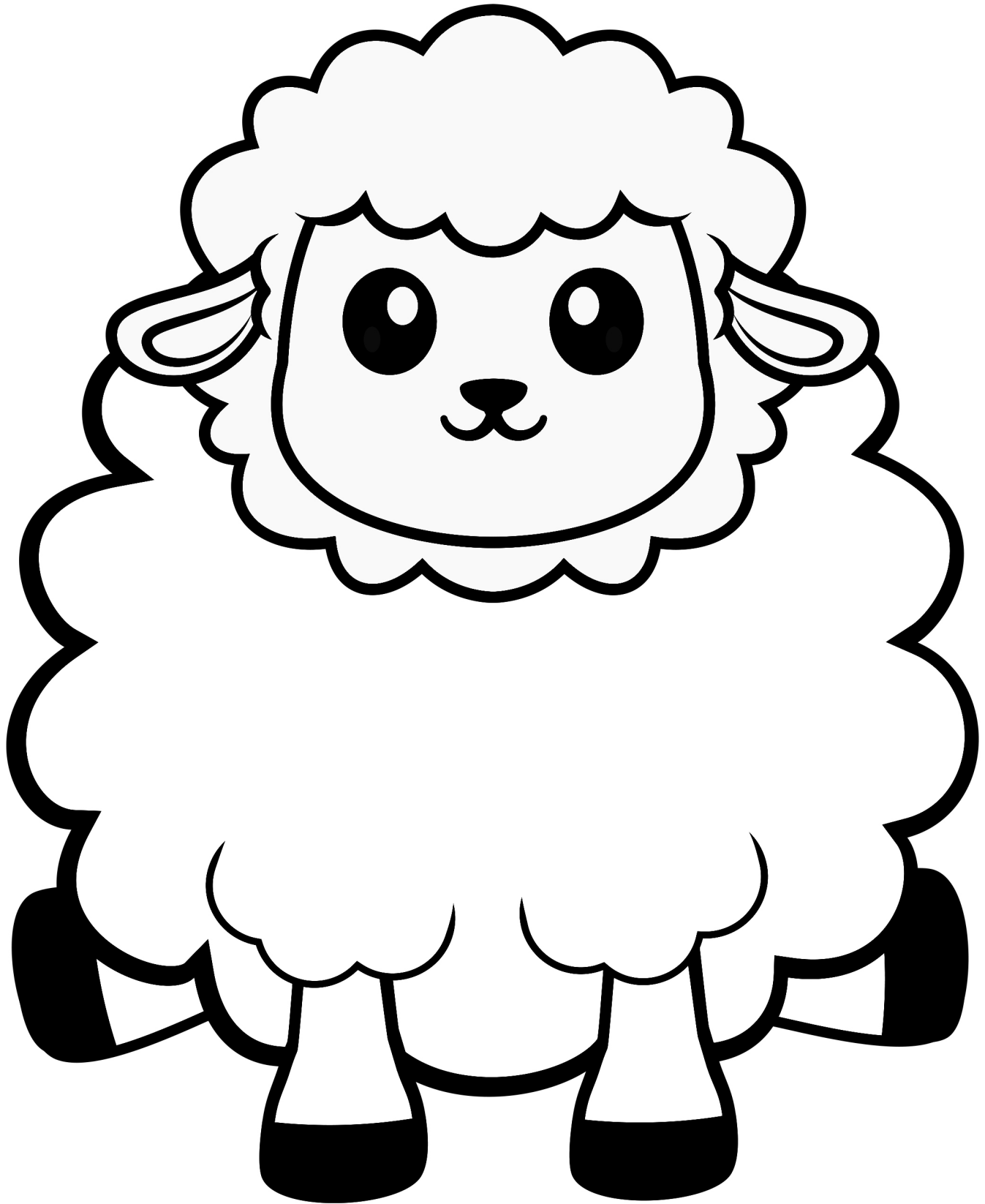








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