

# This Sunday!

7<sup>th</sup> June 2020



**Story: Luke 15 v 3 - 7**

**Theme: The parable of the Lost Sheep**

## Activity 1: Bible

Watch Read the following verses from your bible or bible – Or if you have kids bible, even better, get comfy together and read that together.

## Activity 2: Bible Video

Watch the following video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyWZeOlaRo4>

## Activity 3: Lets talk about it

How would you describe God? What is he like?

*(Let the children answer and write their answers on paper.)*

Here are some of the ways God is described in the Bible:

*He is our rock, a shelter from the storm, our hiding place, a gardener, spring of living water, bread of life, friend, light of the world, master, morning star, doctor, king, judge, ruler, saviour, teacher, and our creator.*

Today we are looking at the parable of the good shepherd.

Q. Does everyone know what a shepherd is?

If God is our shepherd, what does that make us? *(Sheep)*

Did you know that we are a lot like sheep? Can anyone think of a way we might be like sheep?

Sheep need a shepherd to guide them, protect them and help them. We need God to guide us, protect us and help us too.

### Tangled up

Sometimes sheep get themselves tangled up in brambles because they aren't looking where they are going. Their fleece is thick and the more they try to free themselves, the more stuck they become. The shepherd must come and cut the sheep free.

### Fall over

Sometimes sheep fall over and can't get up by themselves. The shepherd must come and help them up.

### Lost

Sheep don't always pay attention to where they are going. Sometimes they are so concerned about what they are eating that they tend to wander off and get lost and the shepherd must go out and look for them.

We need God to help just like sheep need a shepherd to help them when they get in trouble. We need God to help us do the right things. Sheep need the shepherd to save them when they are in trouble. We need Jesus to save us from our sins. He died for us so we can be forgiven of our sins and live forever with him in heaven.

We are a lot like sheep. There are so many things going on around us that we sometimes forget about God and what he wants us to do. Instead of reading our Bibles and praying, we wander off to do other things. We need the Holy Spirit to guide us and remind us about God.

### Protection

Sheep can't protect themselves very well. They don't have sharp claws or sharp teeth and they don't run very fast. The shepherd must protect his sheep from dangerous animals. He carries a rod or stick that he uses to fight off any wild animals. We also need God's protection. We can go to him when we are in trouble or scared, and he will comfort us.

God is our shepherd. He is a good shepherd. A good shepherd knows each one of his sheep by name. He not only knows their names, but he knows everything about them. He knows what they sound like. He can tell by the way they cry if they are in trouble, lost or sick. God, your shepherd, knows everything about you. He loves you just the way you are, bad things and all. He knows when you are sad, happy or lonely.

A good shepherd never leaves his sheep alone. (Psalm 23:6) God will never leave you because he is your good shepherd. (Matthew 28:20)

The Bible tells us (Open your Bible and read the verse) in John 10:14, "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me."

# Activity 4: Gathering 'Sheep' Balloon Game

## Supplies

Balloons and sticks, and empty box or some chairs arranged to make a 'pen'.

Let's practice being shepherds.

First, we need some sheep. Let's pretend these are sheep. [Put some balloons on the floor.]

Here is your shepherd's staff [hand each child a stick].

Take your staff and herd your sheep into the pen (the empty box turned on its side).

Hold your staff pointing down so no one gets poked and be careful you don't hurt your sheep. Guide it gently! [Encourage children as they guide their sheep.]

## Talk about:

Was it easy to make the balloons go where you wanted them to go?

Do you think it's easy for shepherds to get sheep to go where the shepherds want them to go? Why or why not?

It's hard to make balloons go where we want them to go, and it's even harder to take care of sheep because they sometimes run away or get lost. Jesus is our good shepherd, so we will follow him. That way, we won't ever get lost.

What does a shepherd do for his sheep?

What does our Good Shepherd, Jesus, do for us?

# Activity 5: Game

**Supplies:** ball of cotton wool / tissues if you don't have some

Give everyone some cotton ball "sheep" and explain that they will try to "shepherd" their sheep into the jar (or "fold").

Take turns dropping the sheep from chin height into the fold (smaller children have a height advantage in this game!).

Talk about how a shepherd takes care of the sheep and gives them a safe place to stay.

## Activity 6: Bible Memory Verse



## Activity 7: Worship

Use the following links for NEW Glo Kids worship videos

[https://globalgeneration.co.uk/kids\\_online/deep-cries-out/](https://globalgeneration.co.uk/kids_online/deep-cries-out/)

[https://globalgeneration.co.uk/kids\\_online/city-on-a-hill/](https://globalgeneration.co.uk/kids_online/city-on-a-hill/)

[https://globalgeneration.co.uk/kids\\_online/we-are-the-free/](https://globalgeneration.co.uk/kids_online/we-are-the-free/)

## Activity 8: Prayer

Pray your own prayer or borrow ours!

Lord – thank you for your Holy Spirit! Thank you that He is our helper! Fill me with your holy spirit too! Amen

