**K-5th grade**

**Grab-N-Go Sunday School March 29**

**Bible Passage:** John 10:1-21

**Story Point:** Jesus is The Good Shepherd and we are his sheep.

**Big Picture Question:** Who is my Shepherd? Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

**Key Passage:** “If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord”, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9 NIV

**Bible Story Coloring Page**

Coloring page attached. Use with crayons or markers.

**Bible Story**

*Read: John10:1-21*

One day, Jesus used a story about sheep to teach the people. Jesus told the people how the shepherd knows each of his sheep by name. When the shepherd calls the sheep, they know his voice. He calls their names and they hope right up and come to their shepherd.

Jesus told the people that as soon as the sheep are out of the pen, a good shepherd goes ahead of them so he can show them the very best way to go. He leads them to food and water, and makes sure all of them stay together. When it’s time to go to sleep, the shepherd leads his flock back to the sheep pen. He close the door and lies down right in front to protect the sheep and keep them safe.

The people listened to Jesus. He said, “I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and My sheep know Me.” We are His sheep. He knows you and loves you very much. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and we’re His sheep.

**Bible Passage Activity**

Read the verse out loud a few times for the kids to hear it and read it.

***“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord”, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9 NIV***

Make up hand motions to go with the verse. Practice saying it fast and saying it slow.

**Craft: Sheep Puzzle**

What you need: Sheep page, crayons, scissors.

**Discussion & Bible Skills**

What you need: Bible open to John 10:1-21

* Who is “I Am”? Why does Jesus use God’s name for himself? (*Answer:* *Because He is God, part of the trinity)*
* What does Jesus mean when He says he would lay his life down for His sheep? *(Answer: He sacrificed/died on a cross for our sins)*
* What was the job of a shepherd? How is Jesus a shepherd to us? *(Answer: To protect the sheep/guide them, keep the wolves away. He leads us, protects us, guides us)*
* What can we do to help us remember that we belong to the Good Shepherd and that He loves us? (*Answer: we can read our Bibles, talk to Him in prayer*)
* Who are Jesus’ sheep? (*Answer: We are if we have asked Him to be our forever friend.)*
* What does Jesus do as our Shepherd? (*Answer: Keeps us safe and supplies what we need)*

**Where are my sheep? Game**

This game is like hide & seek. The shepherd falls asleep by all of their sheep. When the shepherd is “asleep”, the sheep then find a place in the house to “go to sleep”. When the shepherd wakes up he goes looking for his sheep. When the shepherd finds a sheep the shepherd calls them by name and tells them where they can go to meet with the rest of the flock.

* Encourage the kids to make sheep noises, dress up like a sheep or a shepherd, and/or have a fun sheep name.
* Have a favorite spot in the house where the kids would want to go to when they are found. If the kids/sheep choose to run away to anger the shepherd, take the time to ask them:
  + What would it look like if we ran away from Jesus?
  + Why do we/others sometimes choose to run away from The Good

Shepherd, Jesus?

* + What are some ways that we can show Jesus that we love Him back?

**Little Sheep, Little Sheep Game**

Kids pretend that they are sheep. Say, “little sheep, little sheep, oh so slow, walk like sheep slowly toward me.” When I say, “walk really fast, walk fast.” Continue on with more actions like these (crab walk, hop, freeze) Could be played outside for more space.

**Reflection & Prayer**

Ask your kids to find a place in the room to silently sit and pray with God. Tell them that this will be a time to talk to Him about your fears, difficult situations, or conflicts. That we know that we can talk to God about these things because The Good Shepherd, Jesus is caring for us and loves us very much. Write in Journal how much the Good Shepherd means to you. What would you life be like if the Good Shepherd was not leading you?

Thank you Lord for being my Good Shepherd and leading me all of the days of my life. Help me to trust in you always. You are good and you love me. Amen