



October 25, 2020
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THE GOOD SHEPHERD | John 10

Memory Verse: ²⁵“All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. **JOHN 14:25-26**

Big Picture Question: What did Jesus teach when He was on earth?

Bottom Line: I live for Jesus because He died for me.

Christ Connection: *Jesus is the Good Shepherd. God sent Him to rescue sinners. Jesus laid down His life for His sheep so they could have forgiveness and eternal life. When we believe in Jesus, we are His sheep who listen to, follow, and obey Him.*

Leader Notes:

CONTEXT

Jesus' teaching caused division among the Jews. They argued about who He was and where He had come from. Had He really come from God? Was He crazy or demon-possessed? In John 10, Jesus taught about Himself by using a comparison that is found throughout the Old Testament: the Lord as the Shepherd of His people.

In Bible times, shepherding was a common occupation. Leaders of nations- even non-Israelite nations- would refer to themselves as shepherds of the people. Yet Old Testament prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel criticized Israel's leaders for failing to shepherd God's people well. The Israelites were like sheep- helpless and wandering- and they longed for a truly good shepherd.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who provides abundant life for His sheep. A Shepherd would gather his sheep at night and form a pen to keep the sheep in and to keep wild animals and thieves out. The shepherd would lay across the opening. Like a shepherd provides safety for his sheep, Jesus provides salvation and eternal life.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep. A shepherd protects his sheep from wolves and other wild animals, even at risk of his own life. Jesus gave up His life on the cross to rescue sinners from sin and death.

Finally, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep. Even when two or more flocks gathered in a pen, a shepherd could call for his sheep and they would respond to the sound of his voice. Jesus knows His sheep personally.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, came to do His Father's plan: to die on the cross and rise again so that we might be saved. We can live sacrificially as we point others to the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

TODAY'S TAKEAWAYS

- Jesus didn't come to just to teach. He came to die for us.
- When Jesus died on the cross, He paid the price for our sins.
- Believing in Jesus is our first step in following Him.
- After we believe we listen to His voice to follow and obey Him.
- **Bottom Line:** I live for Jesus because He died for me.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. God sent Him to rescue sinners. Jesus laid down His life for His sheep so they could have forgiveness and eternal life. When we believe in Jesus, we are His sheep who listen to, follow, and obey Him.

Worship and Story Time

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

Play the DVD of All Star Kids worship (choose 1 song for today)



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What You Say: “Way to go! You are such amazing singers. Now let’s sit down to learn from the Bible Story today.”

What You Do: Introduce the Story

“Jesus told a story to the Jewish leaders. Jesus said, “A thief sneaks into the sheep pen. A shepherd comes in through the gate and calls his sheep by name. When the sheep hear the shepherd’s voice, they follow him. If the sheep hear a stranger’s voice, they run away.” The Jewish leaders did not understand Jesus’ story. So He said, “The thief comes only to steal and destroy. I have come so they may have life. I am the Good Shepherd. I give up My life for the sheep.” Jesus was saying that He was going to die on the cross and rise again to rescue people from sin.”

PLAY BIBLE STORY VIDEO

Check diapers.

Activities

Depending on the size of your group, you may lead each activity two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in the activities. That’s okay.

1. **Free the Sheep**

What You Need: stuffed sheep, laundry basket, yarn

What You Do:

- o Place a stuffed sheep in the bottom of a laundry basket.
- o Weave yarn back and forth across the laundry basket opening.
- o Guide toddlers to rescue the sheep without touching the yarn.
- o Tell the Bible story.

What You Say ” Jesus taught about God. Jesus said He is the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd rescues his sheep from danger. Jesus gave up His life to rescue people from sin.”

2. **Practice signing the Memory Verse**

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster

What You Do:

- o Show the poster to the kids.
- o As you say the words point to them on the poster.
- o Create simple hand motions to teach toddlers the memory verse. Sample hand motions include, “All (*sign for all*) this I have spoken (*sign for spoken*) while still with you (*Sign for here*).²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit (*Sign for Holy Spirit*), whom the Father(*sign for God*) will send in my name(*Sign for Jesus*), will teach(*sign for teach*) you all things and will remind (*Sign for think*) you of everything(*Sign ‘all I said’*) I have said to you. **JOHN 14:25-26**
- o **What You Say ”** Remembering everything you learn can be hard, but God’s Word is too important to forget! So Jesus didn’t just teach us about God, He gave us the Holy Spirit to help us remember. Let’s pray and ask the Holy Spirit to teach and remind us of God’s Word!”

Pray and Dismiss:

What You Need: coloring page

What You Do:

- **Pray:** “God, thank You for sending Jesus. Help us love and trust Him each day. Give us courage to obey. Amen.”



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- Send coloring page home with kids and tell family that we are learning John 14:26 as our memory verse during this series. They can practice at home.