

Wet and Dry Wool

Materials Needed

sample of wool (e.g. fleece, wool sock, sweater, etc.), spray bottle filled with water, area that can get wet (*option*: cover table or floor with large plastic bag if needed), bowl for squeezing water into

New Church Concept Lambs

“A Lamb means innocence. God’s truth emanating from the Lord in heaven has innocence at the center of it.” *Arcana Coelestia* 9127

The Lord is called in the Word a lamb, a lamb signifying innocence. Because innocence is the inmost in all the good of heaven, it so affects minds that when it is felt by a person—as when an angel of the inmost heaven approaches—they seem to themselves to be no longer their own master and are moved, as it were carried away, by such a delight that no delight of the world seems to be anything in comparison with it. See *Heaven and Hell* 282

1. Let’s look at wool. I’m going to pass this wool around. What does it feel like? Is it smooth? Is it soft? What can you tell me about it?
2. As students pass the wool, discuss it and its properties.

- Wool comes from sheep. Farmers shear sheep once a year.
- Wool that is cut off is called a fleece. Shearing sheep doesn’t hurt them. It is like getting a haircut.
- Wool has “scales”. It can be spun into a strong thread called yarn because the scales lock together. (Hair does not have scales. It cannot be spun.)
- Yarn can be woven or knitted into useful clothing like socks or sweaters.
- Wool is special. Unlike other fibers wool does not become cold if it gets wet.

3. Let’s see what happens when the wool gets wet. Encourage children to take turns spraying the wool with water. How much water can the wool hold? Let’s see what happens when we try to squeeze out the water. (Squeeze the water out over a bowl.)
4. Today’s story includes a miracle the Lord did for Gideon. The miracle involves a fleece and water. Do you know what dew is? If you have gone outside early and found the grass wet when it didn’t rain, you have seen dew. Dew is water that forms on the ground overnight when the air is warm and the ground is cold. Dew evaporates and the grass dries out as the sun gets hot. Let’s find out about the miracle that happens with a fleece and the dew.

