

FOLLOWING THE LORD OUR SHEPHERD

(Figures for Flannel Board or Refrigerator magnets)

Sheep picture a willingness to follow the Lord. The angels love to follow Him, which is why flocks of sheep and lambs are seen in heaven. This project shows family members as sheep following the Lord. It would be ideal to have each family member make their own sheep, but is not necessary. Young children may enjoy playing with this visual representation over and over!

This project can be made into a collage, but it may be more enjoyable for children to be able to move the sheep so that they follow the Lord wherever He leads them. For this kind of play, we suggest making the figures with felt for use on a flannel board or making them out of stiff paper so they can become refrigerator magnets.

Materials Needed for Flannel Board Set

scraps of white felt
green or blue flannel to cover a large piece of cardboard or plywood (for the flannel board)

Materials Needed for Refrigerator Magnets

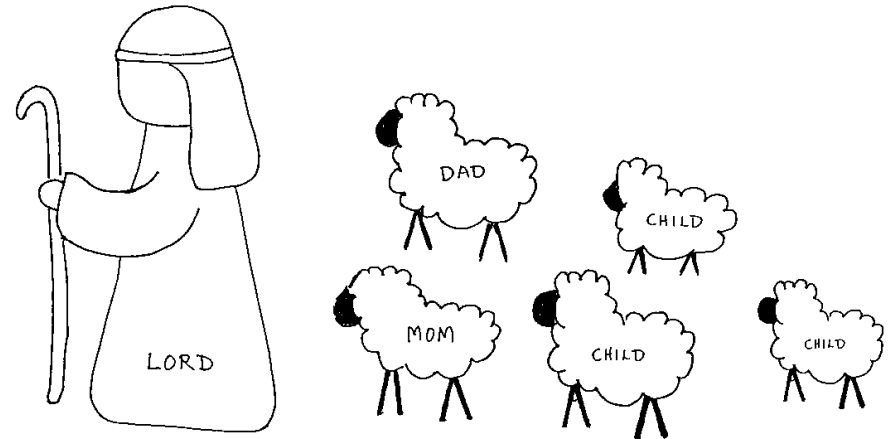
heavy white paper (posterboard, cardstock, or cover stock)
cotton balls (optional)
magnetic strips to attach to each piece **OR** tape each figure to an existing refrigerator magnet

Making the Flannel Board Set: To make the felt figures, use the enclosed templates (cutting the legs a bit wider) or improvise and make your own sheep and shepherd figures out of felt. The sheep can have black legs and faces or be all white. The shepherd figure may be wearing white or some other color. It is important for the Shepherd to have a staff, for this represents the way the Lord leads us by the truths of His Word. You will also need flannel to cover a large piece of cardboard or plywood, attaching it with masking tape or staples at the back.

Making the Refrigerator Magnets: Use the templates provided or design your own sheep and shepherd figures, giving them stiff backing so they can be moved around without ripping. Tape the figures to existing refrigerator magnets or buy magnetic tape to attach to them. If desired, pull apart some cotton balls and glue the fluff onto the sheep.

Other Options:

You may choose to have a child draw their own picture of the family of sheep following the Lord or use these figures to make a collage. Other elements from the Twenty-Third Psalm could be added to the picture, collage, or flannel board (such as a blue stream).



Optional Templates

