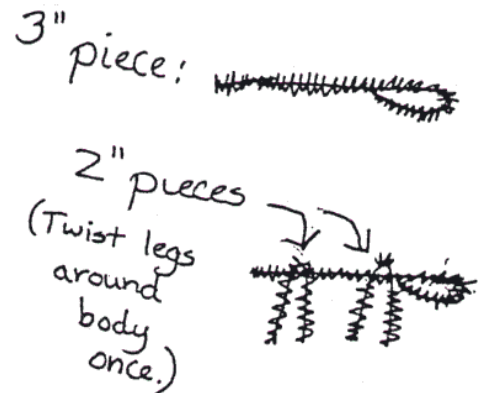


## MAKING A DIORAMA OF SHEPHERD AND SHEEP

Let everyone in the family help make the shepherd and the sheep, then create the landscape for this diorama. Once you have the shepherd and sheep, it will be easy to illustrate Psalm 23 as well as other stories in the Word about shepherds.

### **Materials** (for 3 sheep and a shepherd)

1 brown or black pipe cleaner (for shepherd's staff)  
 2 tan pipe cleaners for the shepherd  
 5 black pipe cleaners for sheep  
 wooden bead for shepherd's head  
 wool or polyfill batting for sheep and shepherd's body  
 fabric for inner and outer robe  
 yarn to tie at waist and to tie around head dress  
 scissors

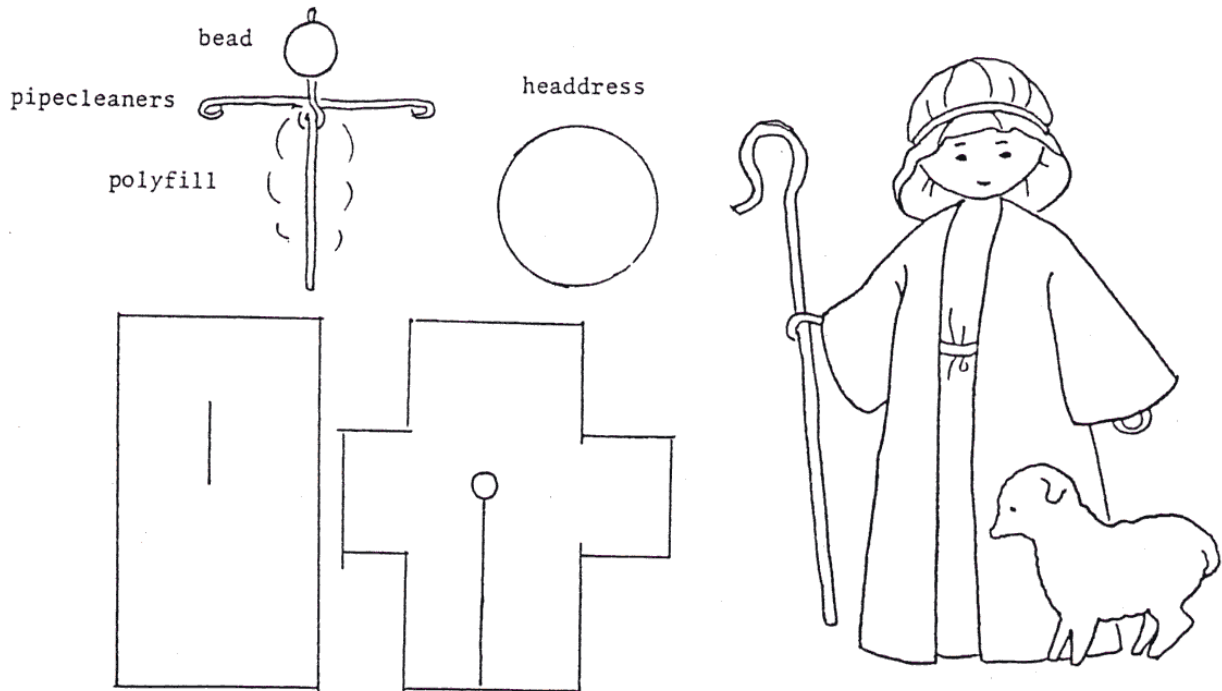


### **Making the Sheep**

1. Cut two black pipe cleaners into 3 pieces that are each 2 inches long
2. To make one sheep, shape a complete pipe cleaner and two of the smaller pieces as shown.
3. Twist the legs around the body once.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to make the frames for two more sheep.
5. Now take wool or cotton batting and wrap it around each sheep's "body" as shown. Secure the wool with glue if necessary.

*(Repeat to make as many sheep as desired.)*

## ***Making the Shepherd***



1. Thread one tan pipe cleaner through the wooden bead to make the head.
2. Twist another pipe cleaner to make the arms and hands as shown.
3. Add polyfill batting (or cotton balls) around the pipe cleaner to round out the body.
4. For the inner robe, cut a rectangular piece of cloth with a slit for the head. Slip the inner robe over the head, and secure it by tying a piece of yarn around the waist.
5. Cut a cross-shaped piece of fabric for the outer robe, with a slit at one end. Glue the outer robe over the inner robe.
6. Cut a small circle of fabric and tie it around the head for the headdress.
7. Make a shepherd's staff out of a brown pipe cleaner.

### ***Finishing the Diorama***

Now that you have the shepherd and sheep, you can illustrate the Twenty-Third Psalm, the parable of the lost sheep, and the Lord as the door of sheepfold.

**For the Twenty-Third Psalm**—Set the figures on green fabric or put green grass on a base. Use a strip of blue cloth or wide satin ribbon to make the “still waters.” You might use a few large rocks to make the “valley of the shadow of death” at one side.

**For the Lost Sheep**—Let one of the sheep wander off so that it is hidden behind a rock. Make a sheepfold (see below) and put the other sheep inside it. Then have the shepherd hunt for the lost sheep. While retelling the story, have the shepherd find the sheep and lift it into his arms or onto his shoulders.

**For the Lord as the Door of the Sheepfold**—Make a sheepfold with blocks, rocks, or craft stick fencing. Make a gate with wood or craft sticks. Then place the Shepherd by the doorway.