

Glenview New Church Sunday Morning Program
Preschool Lessons, Phase 2 - Lesson 2
The Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7)

Theme: The Lord is Our Shepherd

I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher

- A. The Lord is always present with us and watching over us.
- B. If we trust in the Lord and obey His commandments. His power will always protect us.
- C. The Lord turns into good all the evils which the hells intend. (AC 6663) He makes sure that nothing happens that cannot in some way result in something good.

II. Story Circle

- A. Introduce the Story
 - 1. What is a shepherd? He is someone who takes care of sheep. He watches sheep and tries to keep them safe. Today we are going to hear a story about a shepherd who lost one of his sheep.
- B. Tell/Read the Story
 - 1. Tell the parable of the lost sheep from Luke 15:5-6:
The Lord told the people this story, saying: "If a man has a hundred sheep and he loses one of them, wouldn't he leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go find the one he has lost? And when he finds the lost sheep, he carries it on his shoulders and he is very happy. And when he comes home, he calls his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'"
- C. Ideas to Discuss
 - 1. What does a shepherd do? (He takes care of sheep.)
 - 2. How many sheep did the shepherd in our story have? (one hundred)
 - 3. How many sheep got lost? (one)
 - 4. What did the shepherd do? (He left the rest of the sheep and went to find the one sheep which was lost.)
 - 5. How did the shepherd feel when he found the lost sheep? (Very happy!)
- D. Further Ideas
 - 1. Did you know that the Lord is our Shepherd, and we are His sheep? The Lord loves us and watches over us all of the time. During the day and during the night - all the time!

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2. Do you ever feel that you are all alone? Perhaps when you are sad, or perhaps when you are afraid of darkness or thunder, or when you are lost? It helps to remember that you are not alone. The Lord is with you. Isn't He? You can't see Him, but He is there. Always.

III. Enrichment Activities

A. Music

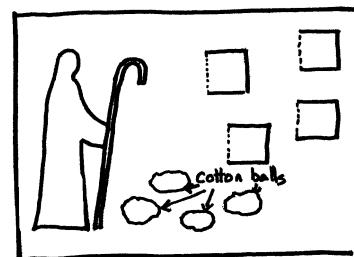
1. "Father in heaven, watch o'er Thy children," *Hymnal* #152.
2. "A man had a hundred sheep," *Lori's Songs From the Word III*
3. "The Lord is my Shepherd," (see attached song sheet)

B. Activities

1. Play the Lost Sheep Game: Using a toy lamb, let children take turns hiding the lamb somewhere in the room. Another child takes a turn as shepherd, leaving the rest of his sheep (the other children) while he goes to look for his lost lamb.

C. Project

1. Materials needed for each child:
 - a. 12X18 piece of green construction paper with four folding doors cut into it. Staple a contrasting piece of construction paper to the back of the green paper. (The green paper can be trimmed down to show the backing paper.)
 - b. Precut figure of a shepherd (see attached template)
 - c. Cotton balls
 - d. Oil pastels or crayons
 - e. Glue stick
 - f. Text slip: "The Lord is my Shepherd"



2. Procedure

- a. Children glue shepherd on the left side of paper ready to look for his lost sheep. Draw a shepherd's staff for him to use.
- b. Glue cotton balls near the shepherd to be the sheep that are not lost
- c. Glue a cotton ball behind one of the doors to be the lost lamb. (Children may want to use the oil pastels or crayons to make a head, legs, and a tail for the lamb.)
- d. Children make pictures of other things behind the remaining doors, such as flowers, a bird, a tree, and other animals.

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IV. Teaching Aids

- A. Pictures of a shepherd with sheep, such as David or the shepherds who were told of the Lord's birth.
- B. A picture of the Lord as Shepherd, if possible.
- C. Toy stuffed lambs.

V. Further Reading for the Teacher

- A. Dole's *Bible Study Notes*, Vol. 5, pp. 296-299.

The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

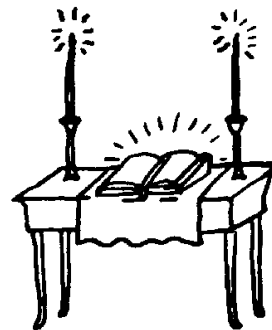
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for
thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff
they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest
my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life; And I will
dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



Shepherd Template:

Illustration of Project:

