



WEEK TWO – FEBRUARY 2026 – PRESCHOOL

Bible Story: *The Lost Sheep | Luke 15:3-7*

Key Question: *Who loves you?*

Bottom Line: *Jesus loves me.*

Memory Verse: *Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.' (Matthew 19:14 NLT)*

Series Overview: There's nothing sweeter than knowing that Jesus loves you. It's the sweetest treat we could ever receive, and it's for every single one of us! His love brings joy to our hearts, peace to our minds, and reminds us that we are never alone. So all month long, we are telling preschoolers Bible stories that show them how much Jesus loves them. In Matthew 19:14, Jesus said: "Let the children come to me" (NLT). These words remind us that Jesus wants to be close to every child, no matter who they are or where they live. Our prayer is that every preschooler will know deep in their heart that Jesus loves me. From welcoming children into His arms, to searching for the lost, to spending time with friends, and forgiving those who have done wrong—Jesus shows us again and again that He loves us. And preschoolers need to know that Jesus loves them right now, just as they are, and that His love will never go away. So, let's pray for our preschoolers, that they

will know Jesus' love is the sweetest thing in the world and that it will be with them forever. Let's help them grow up always remembering: Jesus loves me.

9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

OPENING ACTIVITY

What You Need: Cotton Balls

What You Do:

- Ask the kids to join you in an open area of the room.
- Give each kid a cotton ball.
- Call out different places for them to put their sheep.
- Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

“I have a fun game for us to play today. Make sure you have room to move around. We are going to pretend that these fluffy cotton balls are sheep. Everybody gets one fluffy sheep. (Hand each child a cotton ball.) Okay! Listen closely and we are going to try and balance our sheep on our ... foot! Put your sheep on your foot. (Pause.) If it falls off, that's okay! Pick it up and put it back on! Put your sheep on your... elbow! (Pause.) Hooray! Great job! Now put your sheep on your ... ear! (Continue with different places like elbow, wrist, back, head, etc.) Wow, great job everyone! I have one more place for us to put our sheep. Ready? Put your sheep on your ... shoulder! (Pause.) Fantastic!

Today we're going to hear a story about a sheep that was lost but the shepherd found it and carried it back. Let's go hear more about the story.”

9:20 - 9:50 | 11:20 – 11:50 – LARGE GROUP

Story Focus: Jesus tells a story about a shepherd who has 100 sheep ... until he loses one. The shepherd leaves the 99 and searches until he finds the lost one. Then he joyfully carries it home and celebrates. Jesus tells this story to show that He loves everyone like the shepherd loves his sheep. He sees us—no matter where we are or what we've done—and He seeks us out to bring us close to Him.

9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 – SMALL GROUP

FLUFFY SHEEP

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

What You Need: Sheep Activity Page; Cotton Balls; Glue Sticks; Coloring Supplies

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Give each kid activity page.
 - Help write each kids name on their page.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Encourage the kids to color their sheep.
 - Help kids glue their cotton balls to their sheep.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*

- Let's make a craft to help us remember the story. Look at this cute little sheep! (Hold up activity page) Use the crayons to color it and you can add cotton balls to it to make it fluffy.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Today we heard a story Jesus shared about a shepherd who had 100 sheep, and one went missing. The shepherd loved all his sheep so much that when he saw one was missing, he made sure the other sheep were safe then went looking for it. The shepherd was so happy to find his missing sheep that when he got home, he celebrated!
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Friends, Jesus loves US like the shepherd loved his sheep. Jesus loves EVERYONE no matter where we are or what we've done. Jesus always sees us and wants to bring us close to Him. Jesus loves you and **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!**

FIND THE HIDDEN SHEEP

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

What You Need: “Find the hidden sheep” activity page; coloring supplies; heart stickers

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Give each kid activity page.
 - Help write each kids name on their page.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Invite kids to search for the hidden sheep on their page.
 - When a child finds the sheep, give them a heart sticker to place on it.
 - Encourage children to help each other spot the sheep if someone is having trouble.
 - Encourage the children to color the other animals in the picture.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “We’re going to play a game to find a sheep that’s hiding in this picture. When you find it, you’ll get to put a heart sticker on it to show that it’s loved!”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Look closely. Can you spot the sheep? (Pause.) When you find it, put your finger on it. (Pause.) Great job! Now put your heart sticker right on top of the sheep. (Pause.) Hearts make us think of love. This little sheep is so loved. Now color the other animals on your paper. (Pause.) Fantastic! You all found the hidden sheep!”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Remember, today we heard a story that Jesus told about a shepherd with lots and lots of sheep. The shepherd loved his sheep so much!”