



WEEK TWO – FEBRUARY 2026 – TODDLERS

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

Bottom Line: *Jesus loves you.*

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.

LARGE GROUP

STORY TIME

Gather children at the tables to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

What You Need: Bible; "Story Pictures" Activity Pages copied on cardstock

What You Say:

(Place the picture of the single sheep face down on the floor next to you.) "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (hold up the Bible) begins when Jesus was teaching a crowd of people. (Hold up the picture of Jesus teaching a crowd.) Jesus shared a story about a shepherd (hold up the picture of the shepherd) and his sheep. The shepherd had so many sheep! (Hold up the picture of lots of sheep.) But one day, one went missing! The shepherd loved ALL of his sheep, so he went to look for the one lost sheep. (Walk the picture of the shepherd around and then over to the singular sheep picture.) When he found it, (flip the picture over) he was so happy! The shepherd (carry the shepherd and singular sheep back in front of you) carried the lost sheep home and celebrated with his friends and family!

"Jesus told this story so everyone would know how much He loves everyone, no matter what. (Hold up the picture of the heart.) Jesus loves everyone just like the shepherd loved his sheep. Jesus loves me and **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves you!**"

PRAYER TIME

“Dear God, thank you for giving us the Bible. Help us remember that we can always talk to you—anytime, anywhere, and about anything. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

SMALL GROUP

CRAFT TIME FOR 2’S

What You Need: “Add the Sheep” Activity Page; Glue Sticks; Cotton Balls

What You Do:

- Encourage children to find the lost sheep near the shepherd.
- Rub glue in the sheep outline and ask the child to press their cotton ball in the outline.

What You Say:

“Jesus told a story about a shepherd (*point to the shepherd*) who had a lot of sheep. (*Point to all the sheep.*) But one day, one of his sheep went missing! The shepherd left all his other sheep to look for the lost one. I see the lost sheep near the shepherd. (*Rub some glue inside the sheep outline.*) Add this cotton ball to the sheep right here. (*Point.*) Hooray! The shepherd found the lost sheep! [***Bottom Line***] **Jesus loves you like the shepherd loved his sheep.”**

