

Lower Elementary

WEEK2-STARTER



Activity Name: Find the Sheep

What You Need: Find the sheep activity page answer key coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Give each kid a “Find the Sheep” Activity Page, and let them pick what they’d like to write with.
- Explain that there are many sheep hidden in the picture. Challenge them to find and circle as many hidden sheep as they can.
- After a few minutes, see who found the most.

What You Say:

You are all excellent sheep-finders! It took a lot of focus to find all of them. In our Bible Story today, Jesus told a story, called a parable, about a shepherd who had 100 sheep, yet left them all when just one sheep got lost. Let’s go find out what happened!

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



Bible Story: The Story of the Lost Sheep • *Luke 15:1-7 (supporting 1 Timothy 1:15)*

Bottom Line: Jesus made a way for you to be part of God’s kingdom.

Conversation Starter: What is the way to God’s kingdom?

Memory Verse: “May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven.” • Matthew 6:10 NIV

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why did the shepherd look for the one lost sheep?
- Why did Jesus tell this story?
- How do we get to be in God’s kingdom?
- How does it feel to know Jesus cares about YOU? You are special to God!

Activity Name: Find the Lost Sheep Verse

What You Need: Bible Sheep Verse Activity Cards Verse motion page

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle.
- Give kids Bibles marked at Matthew 6:10.
- Demonstrate how to look up the verse using the Bible Navigation tips: *Point to the book name at the top of the page as you say it aloud. Then, guide children to find the big number on the page—this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big number for the little number; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read it aloud. Then, lead everyone to say the verse together.*
- Show the kids each sheep. Lay them on the floor in order, and say the Memory Verse together, pointing to each sheep as you go.
- Say: “Okay, everyone, close your eyes! A sheep is about to get lost!”
- While their eyes are closed, scramble the sheep, then hide one of the sheep in your lap.
- Say: “Okay, open your eyes! Oh no, one of our verse sheep is lost! Which one is missing?”
- Say: “Let’s put the sheep verse in order to help us figure out which sheep is missing.” (Read the words on each sheep as they are put in order.)
- Say: “Hmm, that’s kind of hard. Let’s say the whole verse together, and I’ll point to each sheep as we say that part. You can help me discover which sheep is missing.” (Say the verse, and point to each sheep.)
- Say: “You figured out which sheep was missing! (Reveal the sheep from your lap, and place it in the correct spot.) Yay! You found the missing sheep!”
- If time allows, scramble the sheep cards, hide a different one, and play again.

What You Say:

Great job, my little flock of sheep! When we say our Memory Verse, we are asking for more of God’s goodness and love to show up right here on earth, right now. God is loving, good, kind, and trustworthy, and His kingdom is anywhere He reigns as King. The kingdom is like the King! We want God to spread His good kingdom everywhere! And this Memory Verse is a prayer asking God to do that.

We can point to God’s good kingdom because we can share God’s love everywhere we go! At school, at the store, and at the playground, we can share God’s love. Wherever we go, we can tell others that Jesus came so we can all be part of God’s kingdom. God’s kingdom is for everyone who knows they are lost and helpless and need to be rescued. God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus! **And [Bottom Line] Jesus made a way for you to be part of God’s kingdom.**

Close in prayer/Invite kids to pray as well.