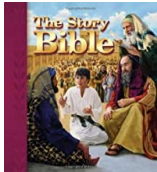


“We Need a Good Shepherd”

Bible verse: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.”
John 10:11

Easter was just a short time ago, we celebrated Jesus’s resurrection. Just a couple of days before that joyful day was Good Friday. The day we remember Jesus death on the cross to take the punishment for our sins. “I came that they many have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd.” John 10:10-11 Jesus took the pain and suffering that we deserve as punishment for our sins. Jesus is the good shepherd he is with us always through word and sacrament. Alleluia, He is Risen, He is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

Read the Lesson ~ “The Good Shepherd” and the devotional talk on the next page.



The Story Bible ~ “The Good Shepherd” Pg. 367
The Bible ~ Psalm 23, John 10

ASK:

- ◆ What does Jesus call Himself?
- ◆ What does a good shepherd do?
- ◆ What did Jesus do for you?
- ◆ What is your favorite animal? What do you like about it?
- ◆ Why would sheep and shepherds be mentioned in the Bible?

DO:

Discuss Psalm 23.
Use the figures on the coloring sheet below to act out the story.

PRAY:

Dear God, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him and follow where He leads; Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Key Point of the Lesson

Jesus loves us so much that He took our sins to the cross and died to pay for all that we have done wrong. Jesus was more powerful than the grave, and He rose from the dead! Jesus appeared to His followers to show them that He has won new life for us all. We know that Jesus is a Good Shepherd he knows each of us by name and loves us. When we stray he will call us by name and welcome us.

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When we wander, Jesus comes for us. Psalm 23 speaks of God’s healing, comfort, peacemaking, and final bliss in His presence. In John 10, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks and dies for sinners, then rises to be our eternal Good Shepherd and make us His eternal flock.

(CPH Blog / Study, Digging Deeper into Scripture, Phil Rigdon)

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP TIME

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

P: Amen.

L: O Lord, in the morning You hear my voice;

P: In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. (Psalm 5:3)

L: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

P: And with Your glory all the day. (Psalm 71:8)

L: O Lord, open my lips,

P: And my mouth will declare Your praise. (Psalm 71:8)

L: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

P: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: "I Am Jesus Little Lamb", "I Don't Want to be a Sheep"

Devotional Talk: *An adult or older child can read this to the family.*

The Good Shepherd : *(The Growing in Faith Bible, CPH Publishing, pg. 1575)*

Long ago, David wrote beautiful Psalm 23, where he compare himself to a sheep. For many years, he had been a shepherd keeping watch over the sheep of his father, Jesse. He realized God watches over us like a shepherds. So he started writing, "The Lord is my shepherd" (Psalm 23:1). In the tenth chapter of John, Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd."

To understand what Jesus was saying, we need to know a little bit about sheep. Sheep are not strong animals. They are not extra fast, and they don't have a lot of ways to defend themselves. If a wolf attacks a herd of unprotected sheep, it has an easy time grabbing one. Also, sheep easily wander off from one another in search of food to eat. It is easy for them to get lost and hurt.

So a shepherd has a very important job. He has to watch his sheep carefully and always be ready to keep them safe, remembering that many wild animals are hunting after them.

When Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd," He was reminding us of how much we need Him. Like sheep and lambs, we can't see the wolves that are hiding in the tall grass, sneaking up to grab us. The devil, the sinful people around us, and our own sinful desires put us in great danger. But Jesus knows they are there. He is keeping watch over them-and using His Bible and His gifts to protect us from them.

When David offered to fight the giant Goliath, King Saul wasn't sure. David was a young man and Goliath a skilled soldier. But David told him about things he had done when he was a shepherd: "When there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him" (I Samuel 17:34-35)

That is the greatest thing about Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Each of us was trapped, and the devil had us in great danger. But Jesus didn't leave us. He went to the cross to suffer and die to save us. But He didn't stay dead-a dead shepherd can't help the sheep anymore. No, Jesus rose again, so He will always be our Good Shepherd, protecting us and leading us to heaven.

There are many scary things in this world, but we don't have to be afraid, because Jesus is protecting us, and guiding us through life. It's nice to know Jesus is always there. But not every boy and girl knows it. Jesus has given us the happy job of telling others that they have someone watching over them. Jesus wants to protect everyone from every harm and danger and lead them home to heaven.

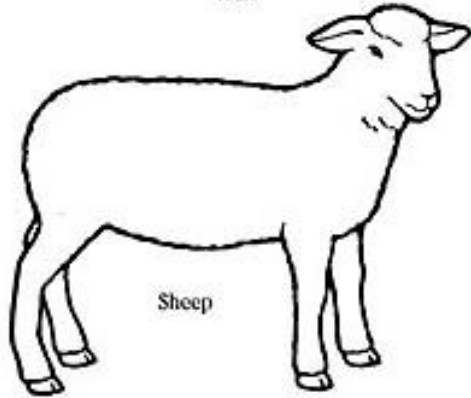
Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for laying down Your life to save me from the devil, sin, and death. Thank You also for rising to live again on the third day. Because You are my living Good Shepherd, I don't ever need to be afraid. Amen.



Hired shepherd



Wolf



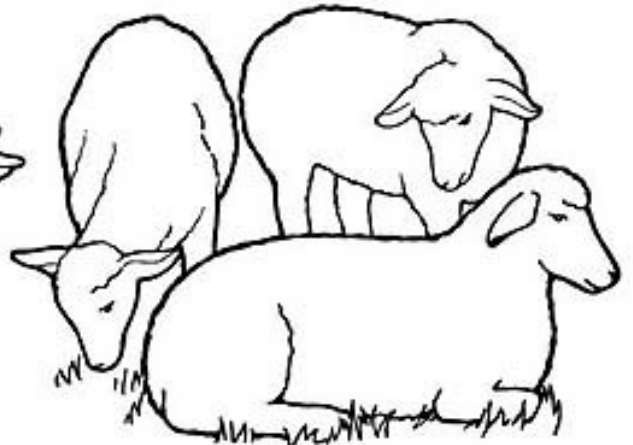
Sheep



Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd



Thief, who doesn't enter by the door



Sheep

Jesus, the Good Shepherd

John 10:1-18, 22-30; Psalm 23

Think of Jesus as a shepherd, you His special lamb.
Pretend you're in His flock of sheep, to help you understand.

Say baa.

The Shepherd will protect you, no matter what the cost.
He'll gladly give His life for lambs, so not one lamb is lost.

Make cross with fingers.

The Shepherd knows His lambs by name, and they can trust His call.
He leads them safely through each day, because He loves them all.

Cross arms over heart.

If other shepherds sneak in and lead the lambs astray,
The lambs baa, "You're not my Shepherd!" Then they run away.

Run in place.

When day is done and lambs are led to rest in the sheep pen,
This Shepherd is the only One the gatekeeper lets in.

Make a welcoming gesture.

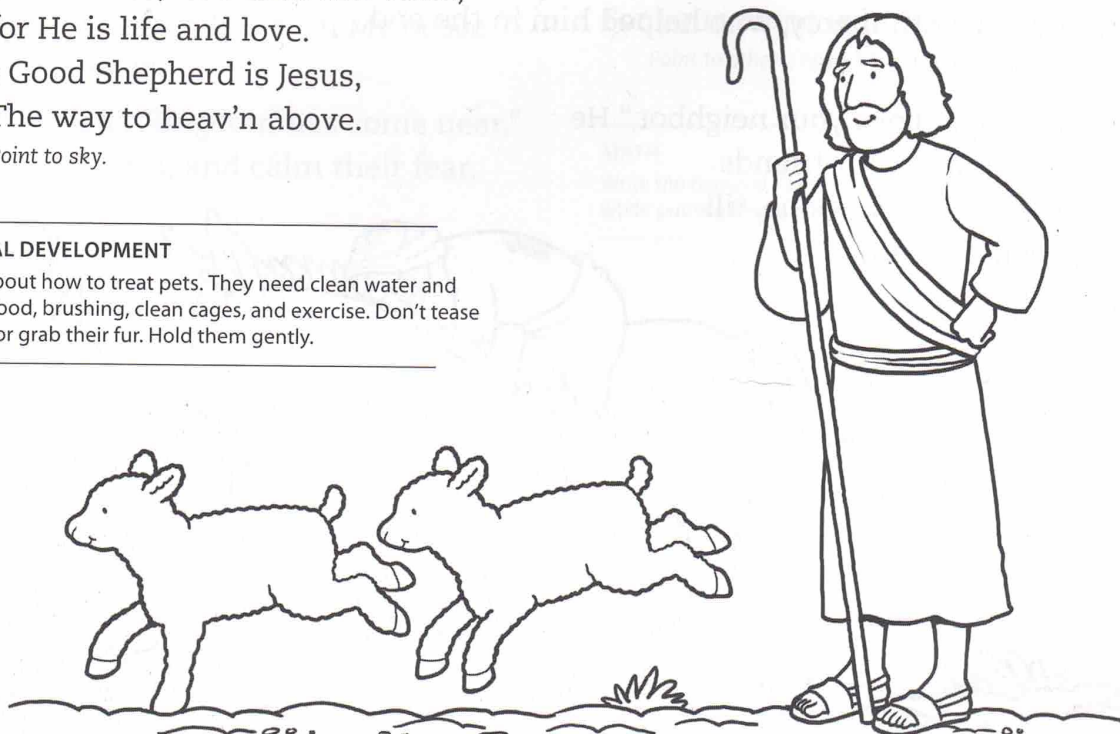
So little lambs, now hear His voice,
for He is life and love.

The Good Shepherd is Jesus,
The way to heav'n above.

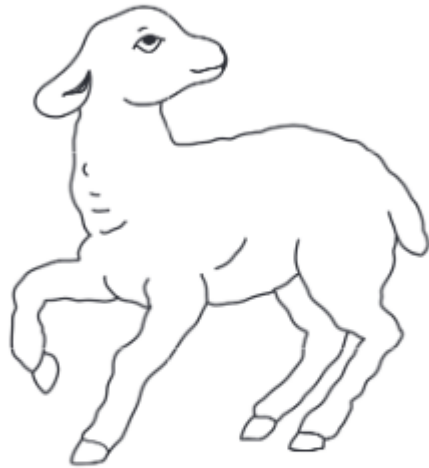
Point to sky.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Talk about how to treat pets. They need clean water and daily food, brushing, clean cages, and exercise. Don't tease them or grab their fur. Hold them gently.



The Lord is



my shepherd

John 10:11

The Good Shepherd
lays down His Life for
His Sheep.

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Psalm 23

I AM
the
GOOD
Shepherd

John 10:11-18

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John 10:10

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I know
 Jesus
 cares
 for me
 when:

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FELLOWSHIP	SUFFER	CHRIST
SHEPHERD	HEALED	BREAD
TEACHING	CHRIST	LORD
PRAYERS	SHEEP	LIFE
ENDURE	THIEF	DOOR

I am
 the door:

by me if
 any man
 enters,
 he shall be
 Saved

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