

# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## *John 10:1-21*

### **John 10**

<sup>1</sup>“I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. <sup>3</sup>The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore Jesus said again, “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for

the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup>The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—<sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

<sup>19</sup>At these words the Jews were again divided. <sup>20</sup>Many of them said, “He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?”

<sup>21</sup>But others said, “These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”



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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Who is "the good shepherd"?
5		2.) What did the good shepherd do for his sheep?
5		3.) Why does Jesus call himself the "gate"?
5		4.) Why do you think Jesus calls us the sheep and himself the shepherd?

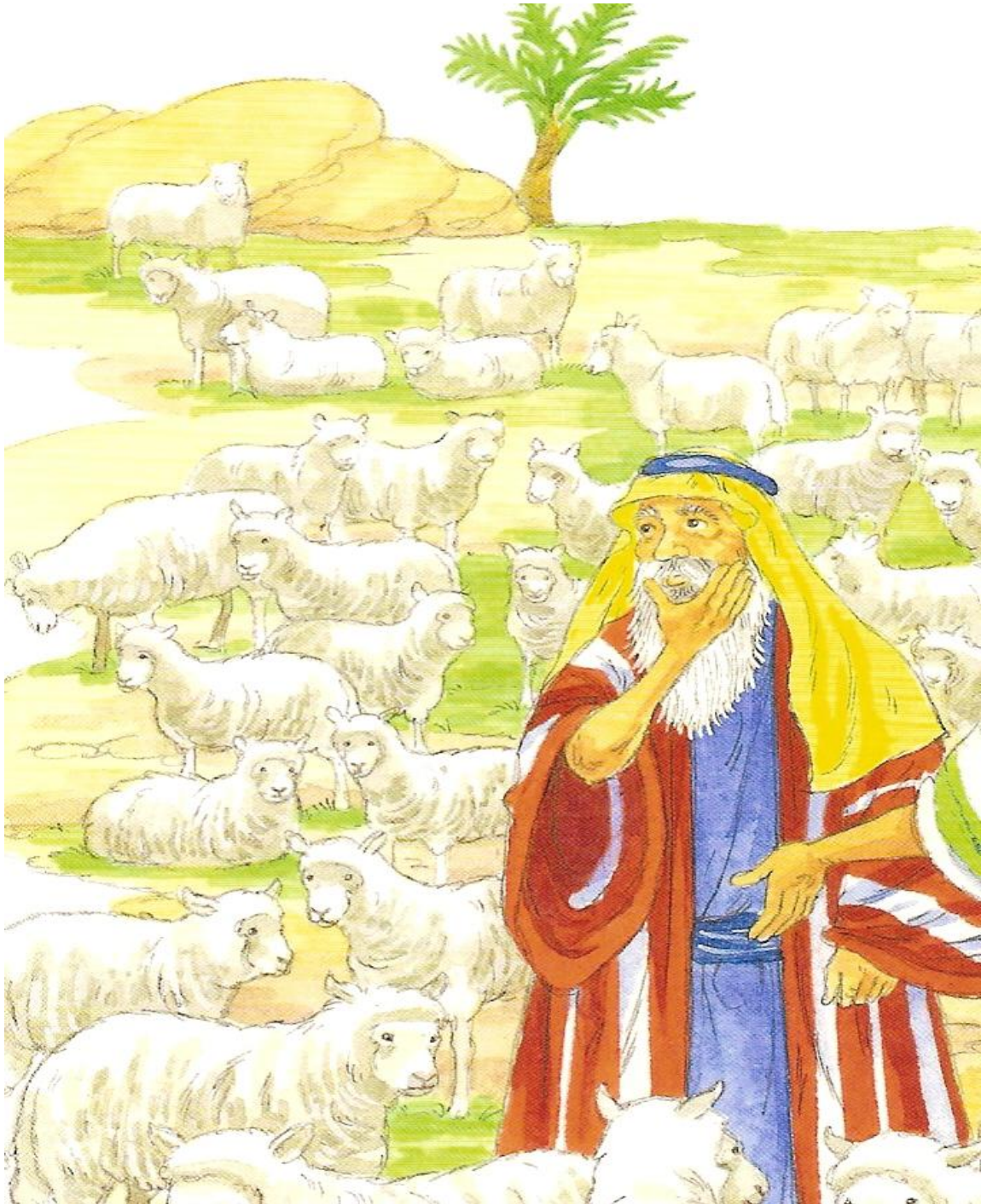
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John 10:11</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

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*Jesus takes care of us like a shepherd takes care of his sheep*

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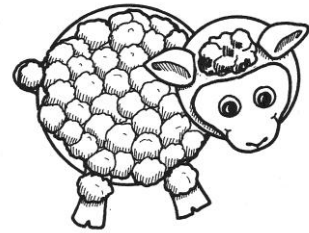
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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: SHEEP

Students will make sheep to remind them that Jesus is the good shepherd.

### MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Sheep Pattern
3. Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
4. Scissors
5. Glue
6. Cotton Balls
7. Paper Plates (small and large)



### DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the “Sheep Pattern” onto 67lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the sheep body parts.
3. Have students cut out each of the pieces and glue them to the paper plates.
4. Allow students to glue cotton balls onto the paper plate as well.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their sheep, remind them of the symbolism used in the story. Jesus is like a shepherd who takes care of his sheep (those who believe in him). Help students realize that, like a shepherd, Jesus loves and cares for each one of us.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

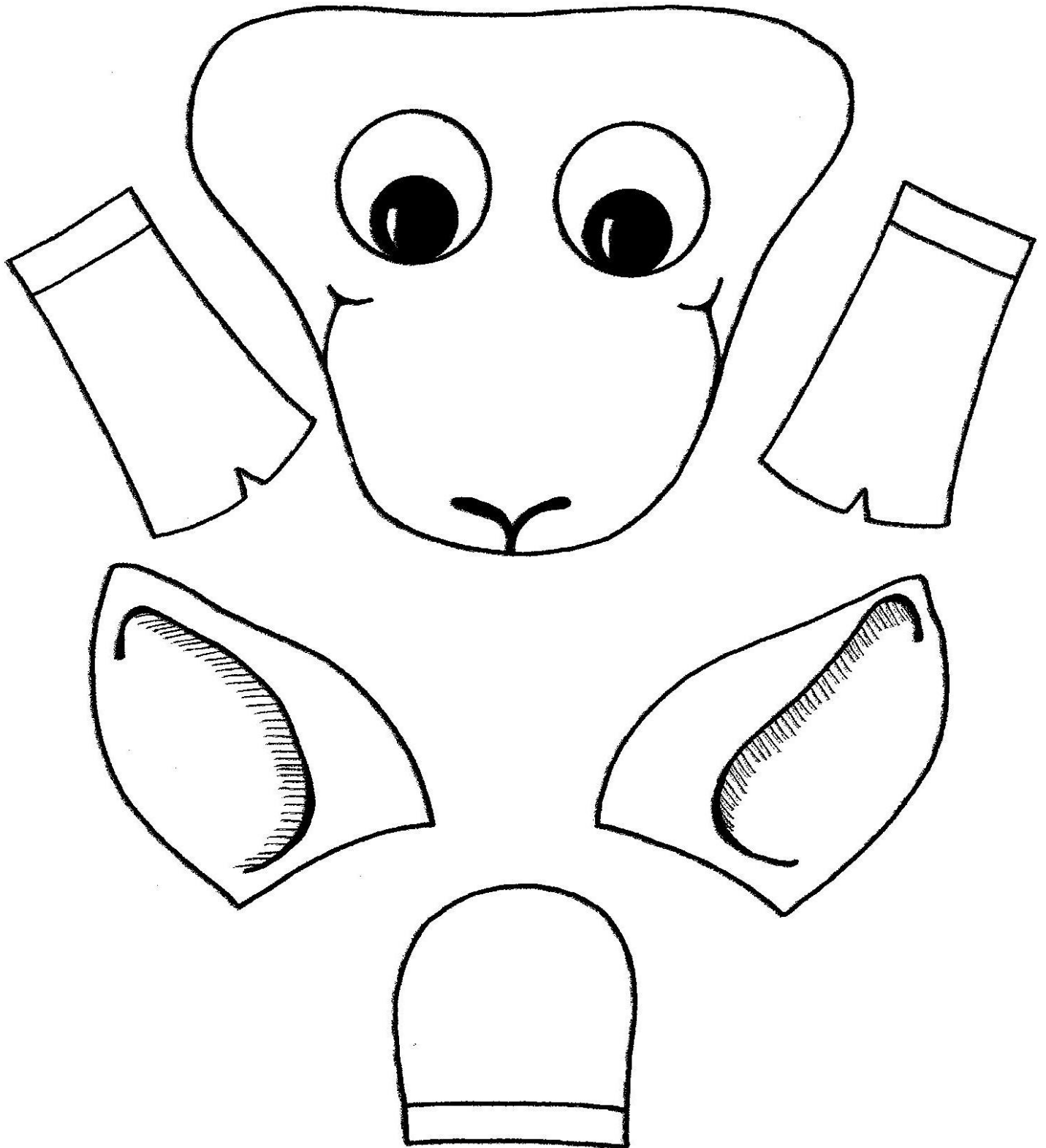
### MEMORY VERSE

*“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11*

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SHEEP PATTERN





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Help the sheep find the shepherd. Find the misspelled letter in each sheep's name taken from Psalm 23. Put the correct letter in the blank below with the same number.

Who is our shepherd? \_\_\_\_\_  
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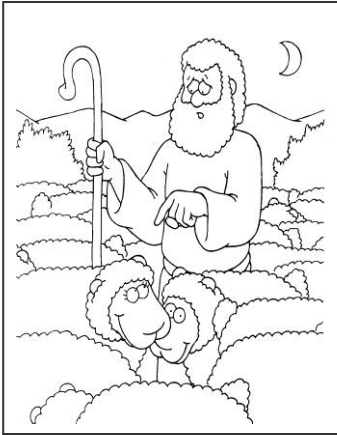




# THE BIBLE TIMES HERALD

A SPECIAL REPORT ON JOHN 10:1-21

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Jesus taught the crowd about shepherds. He said a shepherd loves and cares for his sheep. The sheep know the shepherd's

voice and they follow him. The shepherd knows each of the sheep by name. The sheep do not follow a stranger because they do not recognize the stranger's voice.

Then Jesus compared himself to a shepherd and his followers to sheep. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. I know my sheep and my sheep know me. I lay down my life for the sheep".

The Jewish people who were listening to Jesus did not understand what Jesus was saying. Many of them thought Jesus was crazy or demon-possessed.

For more details, please read John 10:1-21 in the Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. Who is "the good shepherd"?
2. What did the good shepherd do for his sheep?
3. Why do you think Jesus compares himself to a shepherd?
4. Why do you think Jesus compares Christians to sheep?

## MEMORY VERSE

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## UNSCRAMBLE THE MESSAGE

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## Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned that Jesus is like a shepherd who takes care of his sheep.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Explain that Jesus loves us all like a shepherd loves his sheep. He died to take away our sin.

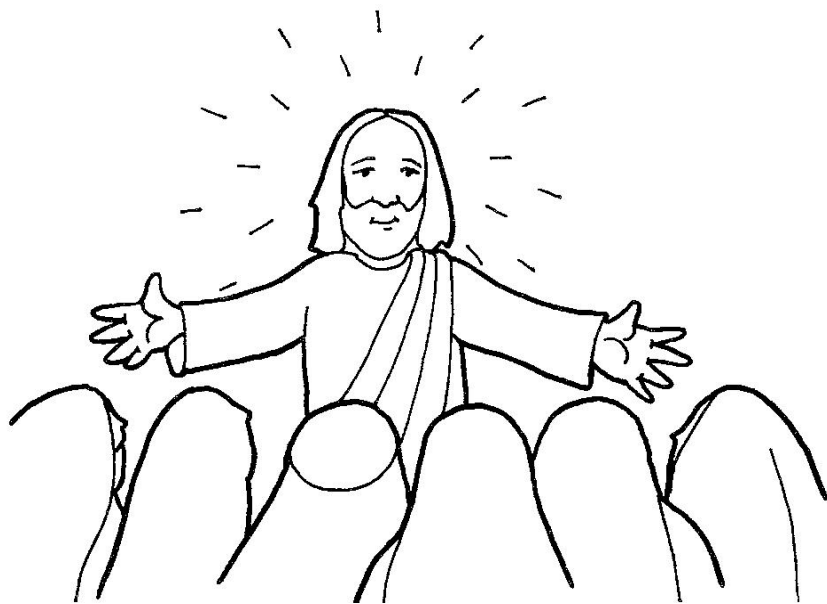
### Bible Story Mini Book

# The Good Shepherd



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Just like a shepherd takes  
care of his sheep, Jesus  
takes care of us.



People always asked  
Jesus to tell them who  
He was.

## Memory Verse

“I am the good shepherd...”  
John 10:11

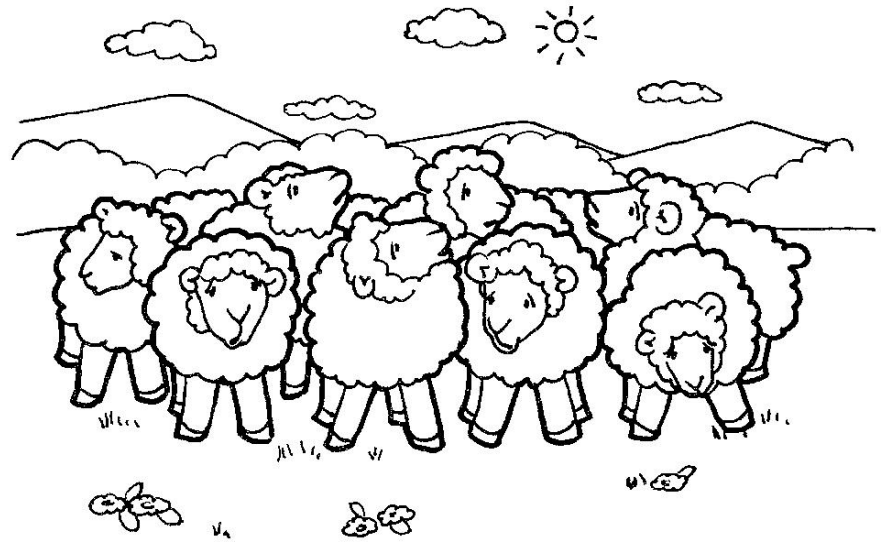
## Bible Story Rhyme

**The Lord is our shepherd,**  
*(Pretend to hold a shepherd's staff)*

**He takes care of his sheep.**  
*(Pet your hand)*

**He died for our sins,**  
*(Cover each eye with a your fingers)*

**So our souls he could keep.**  
*(Make one big fist with both hands and  
bring to your heart)*



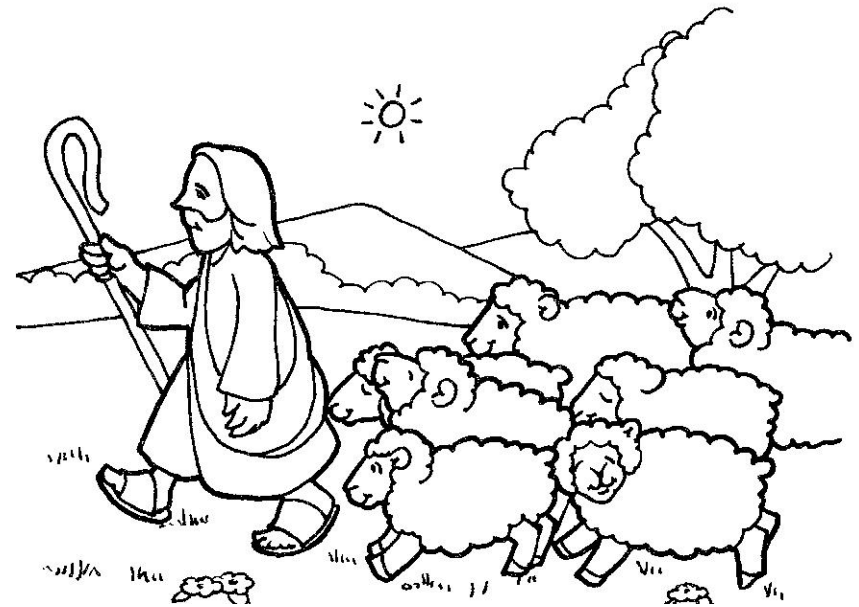
He told them that they  
are like sheep who need  
a shepherd.

## Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

*“Dear Jesus,*

*Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”*



Jesus said he was like a  
shepherd who takes  
care of sheep.

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## PRESCHOOL GAME

**Supplies:** sheet, walking stick

**S**ay: We're going to play a game call *Shepherd Says*. Each of you will be chosen to be the shepherd. You will tell the "sheep" what to do. The sheep will do what you say. I will be the first shepherd. I'll choose a sheep that is following directions to be the next shepherd.

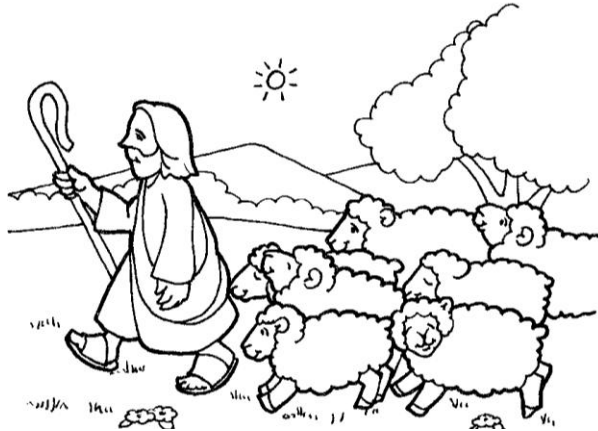
Dress the "shepherd" in the sheet and give him/her the walking stick. Allow each child to be the shepherd.

Examples: Shepherd says to touch your toes  
Shepherd says to jump up and down.  
Shepherd says to turn around.

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## PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY RHYME



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