

“I AM”

THE GOOD SHEPHERD – WEEK 1

MEMORY VERSE – “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

FOCUS VERSES – “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.” John 10:11

STORY – *Let’s review our rhyme and motions!*

Let’s review, Jesus is the Bread of Life, and fills us Spiritually. Jesus is the Light of the World, and he lights up our spiritual darkness and shows us which way to go. And Jesus is the gate, if we want to enter a relationship with God we have to go through Jesus!

Why do you think Jesus calls himself “The Good Shepherd?” Jesus is the Good Shepherd because just like a shepherd helps sheep, Jesus helps us make good choices to keep our bodies healthy and love those around us. He walks with us in life and shows us His love through nature, family, friends and praying to Him. Just like a shepherd lays down his life to protect his sheep, Jesus laid down His life to always protect us!

Let’s act this out. A teacher will first be Jesus. They will stand at the gate of the pasture. *Who would like to be the sheep inside the pasture sleeping and eating? Who would like to be the wolves?*

The friends who are the wolves start at the opposite wall and will try to get into the pasture, but the teacher will stop them! If they tap you on the head you have to turn around and go back to the wall.

PRAYER – Jesus, thank you that you are the Good Shepherd always protecting us and helping us make good choices!

SNACK – Yogurt raisins and pretzels

CRAFT – Decorate their sheep with stickers and coloring.

GAME – Sheep balloons and stick. A friend must be the shepherd and push the balloons with a stick into the tape out “sheep pins”. The wolves try and blow them out

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THE THE GOOD SHEPHERD – WEEK 2

MEMORY VERSE – “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

FOCUS VERSES – “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.”
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STORY – *Let’s review our rhyme and motions about the I AM statements Jesus said!*

Jesus is so good and kind that He protects us as His sheep, just like a good shepherd would. *How do you think a good Shepherd takes care of his sheep?* A shepherd will sleep near the sheep all night long, show them where the good food and water is, help them when they are hurt, and not let anything dangerous come close to them! *Did you know that sheep only follow their shepherd’s voice?* They know only their voice and follow them because they trust them!

Just like a shepherd, Jesus does the same for us! He is always with us, He gives us what we need, He heals us when we are hurt and He always protects us. We can trust Him just like a good shepherd and we can listen to what He says, especially all the amazing things He says in the Bible!

PRAYER – Jesus thank you that you protect us and are with us just like a good shepherd! Help us to follow your voice.

SNACK – Marshmallow sheep with pretzels.

CRAFT – Hand sheep.

Coloring sheet

GAME – Pin the sheep and Jesus in the pasture scene.