



**God Is Love,
So I Know That God Loves Me!**
From Allaso Ranch Lesson 1

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - CHOOSE CHRIST

Faith in God empowers leaders to make the right decisions, even in the face of overwhelming doubt.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that God loves us and that Salvation is the only way to God.

LEADERSHIP STORY

Salvation story through the parable of the Lost Sheep. (Luke 15:1-7)

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children read the Leadership Story. Next, have your children watch the Leadership Video and complete the Child Leadership Questions. If you want to do the Optional Family Activity, have the whole family watch the Leadership Video, then lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: SEARCH AND FIND

Gather your family together and pick out a small object that has some value to the family. It should be something that is easy to hide around the house or room. Give yourself one minute to hide the toy somewhere in the room while the rest of the family waits outside of the room. After the minute has passed, the family will re-enter the room and search for the toy. After the toy is found, have another family member hide the toy while the family waits outside the room. Keep taking turns and play as many rounds as it takes for every family member to have at least one turn hiding and one turn looking for the toy. After everyone has had a turn, remind your family about the parable of the lost sheep and how the shepherd searched everywhere until he found the sheep. Remind your family that, without salvation through Jesus, we are lost, just like the lost sheep and the lost toy. Spend time in prayer with your family thanking Jesus for loving us and for bringing us salvation.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures." John 10:9 (NLT)



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Read the Leadership Story about the Parable of the Lost Sheep in Luke 15:1-7. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. In the video, Pastor Mike talked about going on a backpacking trip into the mountains. What happened to him on this trip?
2. In the video, did Pastor Mike have anything in his backpack that could help him find his friends?
3. In the Leadership Story, Jesus told a parable to some people who were listening. This parable was about a man. What was this man's job?
4. How many sheep did this shepherd have to take care of?
5. What did the shepherd do when he realized one of the sheep was missing?
6. What did the shepherd do when he got the lost sheep back home?
7. When Jesus ended His parable about the lost sheep, He said something really important. What did Jesus say happens when one sinner repents and returns to God?



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8. We are like the sheep in the story. Who did Pastor Mike say the shepherd in the story is like?
9. Jesus loves us like the shepherd loves the sheep. Jesus showed us His love by dying on the cross to pay the price for our sins. What did Pastor Mike say that sin does to us?
10. Accepting Jesus' forgiveness means we are saved from our sins. That's called salvation. Fill in the blanks to complete the ABC's of salvation.
 - You A_____ that you have done things that God doesn't want you to do and that those things will keep you away from Him forever.
 - You B_____ that Jesus died on the cross to save you from your sins.
 - And you C_____ to follow Jesus and live a life of obedience to God.

If you have never prayed the prayer of salvation and would like to now, you can pray these words to God.

Dear God, I know that I have sinned by doing things that you didn't want me to do. I admit that I have messed up. But I believe that You love me so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to live in this world. I believe that He lived a perfect and sinless life. And that He died on a cross so my sins could be forgiven. Jesus is the greatest gift of love, and I choose to follow Him. Help me grow more like Jesus every day. Amen.

If you have already prayed the ABC prayer, then take a few moments and thank God for sending His Son, Jesus. Pray and thank Jesus for laying down His life and paying the price for our sins.

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1. He got lost.
2. No.
3. He took care of sheep. He was a shepherd.
4. One hundred sheep.
5. He went and searched for the lost sheep.
6. He celebrated with his friends.
7. There is joy in Heaven.
8. Jesus.
9. It separates us from God.
10. Admit. Believe. Choose.