

WEEK

ONE

Toddlers | W1

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Story Time

- Tell It

Craft Time

- Handprint Sheep



Monthly Bible Story

The Lost Sheep • Luke 15:3-7

Bible Words

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." • Matthew 19:14 NLT

Bottom Line

Jesus loves you.

5 min

Story Time

5 min

Tell It

What You Need

 Preschool Bible

1

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins when Jesus shared a story about a shepherd and his sheep. The shepherd had so many sheep! But one day, one went missing! The shepherd loved ALL of his sheep, so he went to look for the one lost sheep. When he found it, he was so happy! The shepherd carried the lost sheep home and celebrated with his friends and family!

"Jesus told this story so everyone would know how much He loves everyone, no matter what. Jesus loves everyone just like the shepherd loved his sheep. Jesus loves me and **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves you!**"

Handprint Sheep

What You Need

	"Handprint Sheep" Activity Page	1
	Light blue cardstock	1
	White, black, and green washable ink pads	1
	Baby wipes	Several
	Permanent marker	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Handprint Sheep" on light blue cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Help children cover their hand with white ink, turn the paper upside down and press the child's hand, fingers spread, and the thumb tucked next to the pointer near the "top" of the page. Clean hands. Turn paper right side up. Cover child's thumb in the black ink and press on the handprint around where the thumbnail would be then press the side of the child's thumb on the side of the thumb print. Clean thumb. Help children press their finger on the green ink pad then add green fingerprints to the bottom of their paper.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Today, we heard a story about a lost sheep. We're going to make a sheep from your handprint! We need to cover your hand with the white ink (*turn the paper upside down*) and then press it on your paper. (*Press their hand firmly on their paper and lift off. Clean hand. Turn the paper right side up.*) Now we need to cover your thumb with the black ink and press it on your paper to make the sheep face. (*Pause.*) Now, let's press the side of your thumb next to your thumbprint on the paper. (*Ink the side of child's thumb if needed.*) Your sheep has an ear! So cute! (*Clean thumb.*) Let's add some grass to your paper. Press your finger on the green ink pad and press it on your paper to make grass. (*Pause.*) Great job! Your sheep has a lot of grass to eat. Look how cute your sheep turned out!" (*Clean hands as needed.*) **[Bottom Line]** **Jesus loves you** like the shepherd in our story loved his sheep."

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TWO

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Story Time

- Show It

Craft Time

- Add the Sheep



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Show It

What You Need

-  Preschool Bible 1
-  "Story Pictures" Activity Pages copied on 1 cardstock

LEADER: *(Place the picture of the single sheep face down on the floor next to you.)* "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible *(hold up the Bible)* begins when Jesus was teaching a crowd of people. *(Hold up the picture of Jesus teaching a crowd.)* Jesus shared a story about a shepherd *(hold up the picture of the shepherd)* and his sheep. The shepherd had so many sheep!*(Hold up the picture of lots of sheep.)* But one day, one went missing! The shepherd loved ALL of his sheep, so he went to look for the one lost sheep. *(Walk the picture of the shepherd around and then over to the singular sheep picture.)* When he found it, *(flip the picture over)* he was so happy! The shepherd *(carry the shepherd and singular sheep back in front of you)* carried the lost sheep home and celebrated with his friends and family!

"Jesus told this story so everyone would know how much He loves everyone, no matter what. *(Hold up the picture of the heart.)* Jesus loves everyone just like the shepherd loved his sheep. Jesus loves me and **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves you!"**

Craft Time

Add The Sheep

What You Need

 "Add the Sheep" Activity Page	1
 Cardstock	1
 Glue sticks	Several
 Cotton balls	Several
 Permanent marker	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Add the Sheep" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to find the lost sheep near the shepherd. Rub glue in the sheep outline and ask child to press their cotton ball in the outline.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Jesus told a story about a shepherd (*point to the shepherd*) who had a lot of sheep. (*Point to all the sheep.*) But one day, one of his sheep went missing! The shepherd left all his other sheep to look for the lost one. I see the lost sheep near the shepherd. (*Rub some glue inside the sheep outline.*) Add this cotton ball to the sheep right here. (*Point.*) Hooray! The shepherd found the lost sheep! **[Bottom Line]** **Jesus loves you** like the shepherd loved his sheep."

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Story Time

- Draw It

Craft Time

- Headband Sheep



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Bottom Line

Jesus loves you.

10 min

Story Time

10 min

Draw It

What You Need

 Preschool Bible	1
 Butcher Paper	1
 Washable Markers	Several

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins when Jesus was teaching people (*draw stick figure Jesus and lots of stick people*) about God and God's love. (*Draw a heart around Jesus and the people.*) Jesus told those people a story about a shepherd (*draw a picture of a stick figure shepherd*) and his sheep. (*Draw lots of loopy sheep next to the shepherd.*) The shepherd had so many sheep! But one day, one went missing! The shepherd loved ALL of his sheep, (*draw a heart around the sheep then draw one loopy sheep a little bit away from the other drawings*) so he went to look for the one lost sheep. (*Draw the stick shepherd next to the sheep.*) When he found it, the shepherd was so excited! He carried the lost sheep home and celebrated with his friends and family!

"Jesus told this story so everyone would know how much He loves everyone, no matter what. (*Draw a great big heart then say child's name as you draw a smiley face for that child.*) Jesus loves everyone just like the shepherd loved his sheep. Jesus loves me and **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves you!**"

10 min

Craft Time

10 min

Headband Sheep

What You Need

	"Headband Sheep" Activity Page	1
	"Headband Sheep Label" Activity	Several
	Page	
	Cardstock	1
	Avery® Labels #5163 or equivalent	Several
	Sentence Strips	1
	Self-inking heart stamps	Several
	Stapler	1
	Staples	Several
	Glue Sticks	Several
	Permanent marker	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Headband Sheep" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Copy "Headband Sheep Label" on label paper, one label per child. Write each child's name on their sentence strip.

During the Activity: Rub glue on the back of each child's sheep cutout. Encourage children to press their cutout on the sentence strip then add heart stamps to their strip. Measure the strip around each child's head and staple with the bend closures facing out. Help children place their label over the stapled area. Encourage children to wear their headbands.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Today we're going to make a sheep headband to wear. (*Rub glue on the back of the sheep cutout.*) Press your sheep picture to the sentence strip. (*Pause.*) Super! Now add some heart stamps. (*Pause.*) Hearts make us think of love. Now I'm going to measure the strip around your head and staple the ends together. (*Secure the ends together after measuring it around each child's head.*) Now put this label over the staples. (*Pause.*) Okay! Your headbands are ready to wear! Friends, **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves you** like the shepherd loved his sheep."

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- Sponge Painted Sheep



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10 min

Story Time

10 min

Act It

What You Need

 Preschool Bible	1
 Little People figures	Several
 Cotton balls	Several

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. *(Place all the items in front of you.)* Today's true story from the Bible *(hold up the Bible)* is a story that Jesus shared about a shepherd *(pick up the Little People man)* and his sheep. *(Sprinkle cotton balls all around the Little People figure.)* The shepherd had so many sheep! But one day, one went missing! *(Move one of the cotton balls away from the others.)* The shepherd loved ALL of his sheep, so he went to look for the one lost sheep. *(Move the Little People figure around to find the lost sheep.)* When he found it, he was so happy! The shepherd carried the lost sheep home and celebrated with his friends and family! *(Dance all the Little People around.)*

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10 min

Craft Time

10 min

Sponge Painted Sheep

What You Need

 "Sponge Painted Sheep Label" Activity Page	Several
 Avery® Labels #5160 or equivalent	Several
 Black cardstock	1
 White Washable Paint	Several
 Paper plates	Several
 Pom-poms	Several
 Spring-loaded clothespins	Several
 Baby Wipes	Several
 White pencil or crayon	Several
 Plastic tablecloth or butcher paper	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Sponge Painted Sheep Label" on label paper, one label per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Cover tables. Pour a little bit of paint on the plates. Pinch one pom-pom in each clothespin.

During the Activity: Encourage children to hold the clothespin and dip the pom-pom into the paint, then press it all over their paper. Dip into the paint and repeat as desired. Help children add a label to their paper. Clean hands as needed

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Let's paint some sheep on your paper by holding the clothespin like this (*demonstrate*) dipping it into the paint and then pressing it all over your paper. Keep going! The shepherd had lots and lots of sheep! Put your clothespins down and let's add this label. It says **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves you!** Jesus loves you like the shepherd loved his sheep. The shepherd went to look for the one lost sheep. When he found it, he was so happy! The shepherd carried the lost sheep home and celebrated with his friends and family!"

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