

Sunday May 10th - I am the good shepherd - John 10: 11-16

While the talk is happening, the children may like to colour in the shepherd. Then maybe afterwards you could do the following as a family.

Story

Have Bibles and find John 10: 11-16 Read the parable together.

Chat about the parable asking.....

Why the shepherd went to look for the sheep?

Why was he so happy when he found it?

What did Jesus tell this story for?

Jesus told the story to show how pleased God is when one person comes back to him.... but we can also use the story to show that Jesus is like a good shepherd who loves his sheep and protects them!

OR

Use the story 'The Lost Sheep' by Nick Butterworth & Mick Inkpen. As you are reading, change the word farmer to shepherd each time. If you don't have the book, then here is a YouTube link for it being read <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=094upaf4BME>

Chat about the story asking

How the shepherd showed that he cared for his sheep?

What kind of things does a shepherd do for his sheep?

Think about who the shepherd is supposed to be in the story. It's God. So who are the sheep? Us!

Jesus said once that he is the good shepherd. How does Jesus look after us like a shepherd looks after his sheep?

Talk together about how you think Jesus is like a shepherd.

Response

Look at some images of creation, a cross or maybe a shepherd, and as you do to listen to Jesus, so they can hear his voice talking to them. Draw or write down what you think Jesus has said to you in the quiet. (You probably won't hear an audible voice: it is more likely that they will get an idea or even a picture come to mind.) Have a bible handy too in case a verse comes to mind or maybe a verse of a song.

If children are having trouble hearing God ask them to think about how Jesus looks after us, like sheep, and to write or draw something about this. Expect Jesus to talk!

Challenge

Work out how to make the parable into a story for your friends and family – that will show them that Jesus is like a shepherd who looks after us but in a modern way.

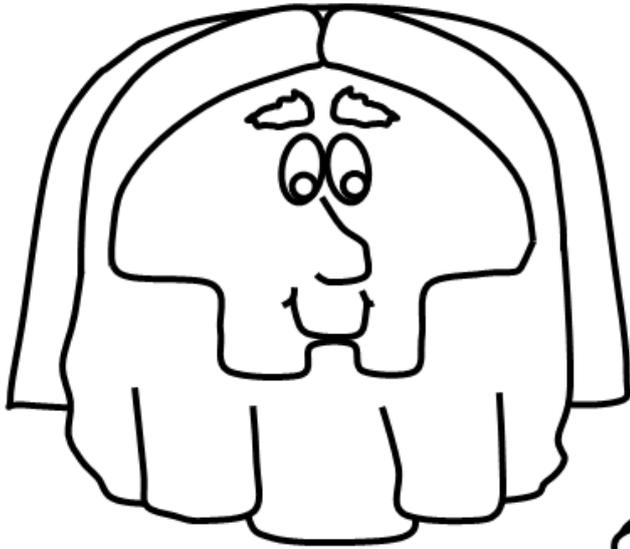
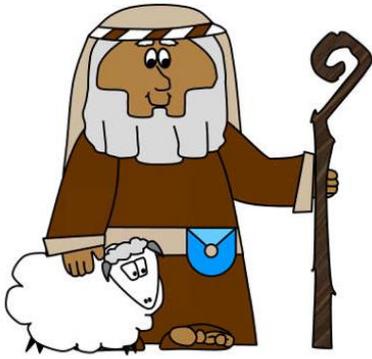
You can write the story and add pictures as well, maybe bind them into a book.

Could you make your parable of the good shepherd into a video?

Fun Song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SSyHow_RK7A

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