

Sunday 21st February - I Am the Good Shepherd

We hope that you have had a relaxing half term, although it has been different, not being able to go out and visit anywhere or see people. Today we are continuing the I Am series.

BIBLE VERSE

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 NIV

Sheep are not very bright, and they need a shepherd to take care of them. The shepherd knows all his sheep and calls them by name and they follow him. Some will follow closely but others will walk away or walk so slowly they get lost so the shepherd is constantly looking over his shoulder to make sure he doesn't lose any. A sheep remains lost if it gets lost – it can't find its own way back.

If a sheep gave birth then the shepherd would carry the lamb until it was ready to walk and he would make sure that he didn't go too far so that the mother sheep could keep up.

The shepherd would lead the sheep to good green grass and to where there was clean water to drink. If there was no stream or spring he would use a well or dig a well to make sure his animals had enough to drink. In the winter he would melt snow so that they could drink and in the summer he would find somewhere shady for them to rest during the heat of the day.

The shepherd would be prepared to defend his sheep against any attack, he would even be prepared to sacrifice his own life to protect his sheep.

BIBLE STORY .

Read John 10:11-15 (The Good Shepherd and His Sheep) or The Lost Sheep (p 378 in the Lion First Bible)

Fill in the sheet to to help you understand the story then answer the following questions:

1. What does a shepherd take care of?
2. Does a good shepherd lay down (or give) his life for the sheep?
3. What do you think this means?
4. What does a hired hand do when he or she sees the wolf coming?
5. What happens to a flock of sheep if there is no shepherd?
6. In our Bible story, does the good shepherd know his sheep?
7. Do the sheep know the good shepherd?
8. How are we like sheep?
9. Do we have a good shepherd?
10. Who is our Good Shepherd?

Think:

Why is Jesus your Good Shepherd?

Can you say

Jesus is the Good Shepherd because (and say why)?

Write or draw this on the picture in your pack.

Act out the story:

Make a sheepfold out of Lego or duplo (four walls with a space in one where the door goes). Use a playmobil person (or a lego or duplo or similar) to be the thief, shepherd and gatekeeper (place in the doorway). Place cotton wool balls within the sheepfold and outside it. The retell the story to somebody in the house.

Listening for his voice

Make yourself comfortable, either lying or sitting.

Spend a few minutes quietly, in your own space, listening for Jesus' voice.

Once comfortable and ready pray asking help in hearing what God wants to say when he wants to speak, eg:

"Thank you Jesus for being our good shepherd. Thank you that you know each one of us by name and that you love and care for each one of us. Help us to hear and recognise your voice now."

Try being still and listening for about 5 minutes.

You may hear an audible voice or might see a picture in your mind or remember a verse from the Bible or have a sense of peace or joy. You may experience nothing, and that's o.k., it doesn't mean God doesn't love you, just that this isn't the right moment to 'speak'.

Cotton wool sheep

Stick cotton wool to the body of the sheep and stick two googly eyes onto the face.

Sheep mask:

Cut out and make a sheep mask, decorate with cotton wool if you want to

Sheep mobile

There are 3 sheets in the pack with the instructions on the first.

Hang the completed mobile in your bedroom so that you can think about Jesus being the Good Shepherd as they go to sleep each night.

Marshmallow sheep:

Need: Marshmallows, water, icing sugar, matchmakers or pretzels, choc buttons

Cut the matchmakers/pretzels into 4cm lengths. Create edible sheep by sticking the larger end of two marshmallows together with water icing. Use water icing to glue a large chocolate button onto one end for the head then push four matchmaker sticks into the bottom for legs. If you want to, you can add white icing dots for eyes on the chocolate button.

Paper Chains:

On a piece of paper chain paper (supplied last week) write

'I am the Good Shepherd' and add it to the one saying 'I am He' that you made last week.

Jesus is our Good Shepherd because He constantly looks after us if we let him. He proved this when He willingly let Himself be nailed to a cross and die so that we could have eternal life and be in a forever relationship with God.

Today's Bible Study For Kids

Today's Verse

What I'm Thankful For:

My Prayer
Today:

What Today's Verse
Taught Me:



Bible Pathway Adventures

WORKSHEET

BIBLE VERSE WORK

Bible Verse(s):

Who said it?

Why was it said?

Picture

Who was it said to?

