

3-5s | W2

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

Going on a Sheep Hunt

Find the Sheep

Find the Hidden Sheep

Large Group (20 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Worship

Bible Story

Prayer

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Going Home

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (print or email)

Parent Cue App and ParentCue.org



Bible Story

The Lost Sheep • Luke 15:3-7

Jesus sees me.

Key Question

Who loves you?

Bottom Line

Jesus loves me.

Memory Verse

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." •

Matthew 19:14 NLT

15 min

Social

5 min

Going on a Sheep Hunt | Made to Move

What You Need

100	Cotton balls
1	Small heart sticker
1	Basket



EveryChild Tips

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Use larger pom-poms or textured objects for children with fine motor challenges.
- Make the lost sheep more visible with a bright or reflective sticker for children with visual differences.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the heart sticker onto one cotton ball to be the lost sheep. Scatter all the cotton balls around the room.

During the Activity: Invite children to go on a hunt to find the lost sheep. Encourage children to move around the room, picking up cotton balls and looking for the one with the heart sticker. Once the lost sheep is found, celebrate together. Reset and repeat as desired.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, look on the floor! There are so many cotton balls, they look like little sheep! Let's play a game with them and go on a sheep hunt!

During the Activity: "Let's pretend to be shepherds and walk around collecting one or two sheep at a time then put them in this basket. (Pause.) A shepherd's job is to take care of their sheep, and you are being a great shepherd! Did anyone find the little lost sheep? The lost sheep has a heart sticker. (Pause.) Can you help me find that sheep too? (Pause.) Yay! You found the little lost sheep! Let's celebrate! Dance, clap and shout hooray! (Pause.) That was so much fun celebrating finding the lost sheep with you! Let's play again!" (Reset and repeat.)

After the Activity: "Wow! Way to go, friends! You were such good shepherds collecting all the sheep and looking and looking until we found the lost sheep. That is such a good reason to celebrate! Today in our Bible Story, we're going to hear about a shepherd who had a lot of sheep, and one was lost. Let's go find out what happened to the little lost sheep in our story."

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by looking for hearts on the way to your designated area.

5 min

Find the Sheep | Made to Play

What You Need

↳ Basket or plastic bin	1
↳ Small sheep toy	1
↳ Small toy animals	Several
↳ Confetti	Several
↳ Optional Inclusive Supplies: Photos of animals	Several



EveryChild Tips

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Provide photos of animals for children to point to when they find the animal.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the animals in the basket/bin.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to look through all the animals to find the sheep. As the children look through the animals, name the animals, and make the animal sounds. When a child finds the sheep, celebrate with confetti and cheers! Put the sheep back in with the other animals and repeat.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Everyone, come sit with me! Look in my basket. (Pause.) Do you see all the animals in the basket? This is a sheep. (Hold up toy sheep.) What does a sheep say? (Pause.) Yes! Sheep say: 'Baa!'"

During the Activity: "Close your eyes while I hide this sheep in with the other animals. (Put the sheep in the basket/bin.) Okay open your eyes! Look through all these animals and see if you can find the sheep. That's a [animal]! [Make animal's sound!] (Repeat with the other animals.) You found the sheep! (Clap.) Yay! Hooray! (Toss confetti.) Let's play again." (Repeat as desired.)

After the Activity: "In today's Bible Story, we're going to hear a story Jesus told about (hold up the sheep) a sheep that was lost! Let's go hear all about it!"

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by making the animal sounds of the animals that were used in the activity.

5 min

Find the Hidden Sheep | Made to Explore

What You Need

• "Find the Hidden Sheep" Activity Page	1
• Cardstock	1
• Crayons or washable markers	Several
• Small heart stickers	1



EveryChild Tips

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Offer adaptive crayons/markers.
- Provide puffy or textured heart stickers for children who enjoy sensory input.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Find the Hidden Sheep" on cardstock, one per child.

During the Activity: Give each child a picture and invite them to search for the hidden sheep. When a child finds the sheep, give them a heart sticker to place on it. Encourage children to help each other spot the sheep if someone is having trouble. Encourage the children to color the other animals in the picture.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We're going to play a game to find a sheep that's hiding in this picture. When you find it, you'll get to put a heart sticker on it to show that it's loved!"

During the Activity: "Look closely. Can you spot the sheep? (Pause.) When you find it, put your finger on it. (Pause.) Great job! Now put your heart sticker right on top of the sheep. (Pause.) Hearts make us think of love. This little sheep is so loved. Now color the other animals on your paper. (Pause.) Fantastic! You all found the hidden sheep!"

After the Activity: "Today we're going to hear a story that Jesus told about a shepherd with lots and lots of sheep. The shepherd loved his sheep so much! Let's go hear more about the shepherd and his sheep."

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by walking like the shepherd who looked everywhere for his lost sheep

30 min

Groups

5 min

Sheep in the Pen | Made to Play

What You Need

1	Green butcher paper
Several	Cotton balls or white pom-poms
1	Scissors
1	Painter's Tape



EveryChild Tips

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Provide the Memory Verse motions Activity Page for a child to follow along visually.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Cut a large piece of butcher paper and place it on the floor in your activity area, away from the wall. Tape the edges of the paper to the floor to secure. Say the Memory Verse and do the motions together with the children.

During the Activity: Ask children to come sit against the wall and give them each a cotton ball/pom-pom. When you say go, ask children to toss their cotton ball/pom-pom to the pen. If the cotton balls/pom-poms land in the pen, say the verse together. Ask children to be shepherds and gather their sheep and return to the wall to play again. Repeat as desired.

After the Activity: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come stand with me around this big green paper and we'll do the motions as we say our verse together. Ready? Here we go! *'Jesus said (tap finger to middle of each palm)* 'Let the children (point to children) come to me,'" (move hands toward self) Matthew 19:14. (*Open hands like a book.*) Great job friends! Come sit against this wall and we'll play a game together." (Pause.)

During the Activity: "Let's pretend this big green paper is a sheep pen and these cotton balls are sheep. (*Give each child a cotton ball/pom-pom.*) When I say go, I want you to try and toss your sheep into the pen. Every time we get a sheep into the pen, we'll say our verse together. Are you ready? Get set...GO! (Pause.) Whoa! Look at all the sheep we got into the pen! Say the verse with me. *'Jesus said "Let the children (point to children) come to me,"' Matthew 19:14.* Great! Okay shepherds, go collect your sheep. Once you get your sheep, return to the wall and we'll play again. (Repeat as desired.) That was such a fun game."

After the Activity: "The Bible teaches us that Jesus sees us, no matter what. Jesus sees us and loves us and wants to be our friend forever. Jesus loves you (point to children) and **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.**"

5 min

Sheep on Your Shoulder | Made to Move

What You Need

❖ Fluffy pillow	1
❖ White pillowcase	1
❖ Pom-poms in a variety of colors	Several
❖ Small disposable cups	1



EveryChild Tips

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Encourage children to carry the sheep in a different way so all can participate.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Put the pillowcase on the pillow. Fill cups with pom-poms, one per child. Ask children to sit with you in a circle on the floor and give each child a cup of pom-poms. Hold up the pillow and tell children this will be the lost sheep from our Bible Story. Place the pillow on the floor across the room from your Small Group spot.

During the Activity: Call one child at a time to pretend to be the shepherd and go to the sheep. Encourage child to pick up the "sheep," put it on their shoulder then carry it back to the circle. When they return, all the other children will shout hooray and toss their pom-poms in the air. Leader will take the pillow back to its spot while the children collect the pom-poms and put them back in their cups. Continue with each child.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, hello friends! Come sit with me in a circle over here on the floor. (Pause.) I have a cup of pom-poms for you. We'll use these later in our activity when we celebrate this. (Hold up the pillow and giggle.) A pillow? Yes, but let's pretend this pillow is a soft, fluffy sheep like in our story." (Place it across the room from your Small Group spot.)

During the Activity: "We are going to take turns pretending to be the shepherd in today's Bible Story. [Child's name] stand up and go find your lost sheep. (Pause.) Yay, you found the sheep! Pick up your sheep. (Pause.) Put it over your shoulder, then bring it back to the circle. (Pause.) When the shepherd came home with his lost sheep everyone celebrated. Friends, take your cup of pom-poms and when I count to three, toss them in the air and shout 'Hooray! Ready? One, two, three! Hooray! Toss your pom-poms! (Pause.) Wow! What a great celebration! Okay, pick up your pom-poms and put them back into your cup while I put our sheep back. (Pause.) Okay, I think we are ready for our next shepherd. (Continue with each child.) That was so much fun!"

After the Activity: "Today in our true story from the Bible, Jesus shared a story about a shepherd and his sheep. The shepherd had 100 sheep; that's a lot of sheep! But one day, one of his sheep went missing! The shepherd loved ALL of his sheep, so he left all his other sheep and went to look for the one lost sheep. When he found it, he was so happy! The shepherd put the sheep on his shoulders and carried it home to the other sheep then he celebrated with his friends and family!"

"Jesus told this story to help people understand how much He loves everyone, no matter where we are or what we've done. Jesus loves everyone just like the shepherd loved his sheep. Jesus loves EVERYONE no matter where we are or what we've done, Jesus wants to bring us close to Him. Jesus loves you and **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!** That's right! **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!**"

5 min

Shepherd the Sheep | Made to Think

What You Need

White mylar balloons	Several
Pool noodle	1
Plastic straw	Several
Scissors	1
Painter's tape	1
Optional: Butcher paper and a table	1



EveryChild Tips

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Encourage children to use the pool noodle to push the sheep to the pen.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Insert the straw into the opening of the balloons, blow up with air, then remove the straw. If the balloons are self-sealing, press to seal. Otherwise, tape the ends closed. Place the balloons on the floor in your activity area. Cut pool noodles in half, one set for each Small Group. Create a large square on the floor with tape across the room from your activity area. *Optional: Turn a table upside down and wrap three sides with butcher paper and secure with tape.*

During the Activity: Encourage children to take turns moving one "sheep" at a time to the pen. Children will use the pool noodles to pick up a sheep by sandwiching the balloon in-between the pool noodles. Repeat until all the sheep are moved into the pen. Reset and repeat as desired.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Come look at these sheep! (Point to the balloons.) I need your help to count and move them into the pen." (Point to the upside down table.)

During the Activity: "We'll take turns moving them one by one with these pool noodles. (Demonstrate.) [Child's name] come be a shepherd and move a sheep. We'll count. (Pause.) One! Great job! Give the pool noodles to [child's name] and you take a turn! (Continue with each child. Repeat as desired.) Wow! We moved [number] of sheep into the pen, fantastic! We took care of a lot of sheep today but not as many as the shepherd in the story Jesus told. Do you remember how many sheep the shepherd took care of? (Pause for responses.) That's right 100! That's a lot of sheep!"

After the Activity: "Today we heard a story Jesus shared about a shepherd who had 100 sheep, and one went missing. The shepherd loved all his sheep so much that when he saw one was missing, he made sure the other sheep were safe then went looking for it. The shepherd was so happy to find his missing sheep that when he got home, he celebrated! Friends, Jesus loves US like the shepherd loved his sheep. Jesus loves EVERYONE no matter where we are or what we've done, Jesus wants to bring us close to Him. **Jesus loves you and [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!** That's right! **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!**"

5 min

Roll and Search | Made to Move

What You Need

1	"Roll and Search" Activity Page
1	Cardstock
1	Paper plates
1	Die
1	Painter's tape
1	Permanent Marker



EveryChild Tips

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Place the grid on a table so children who use wheelchairs or have limited mobility can fully participate without reaching to the floor.
- Allow children to point to the plate/square they choose and have a helper lift it.
- Let multiple children roll together or lift a plate as a team to encourage inclusion.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Roll and Search" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group. Create a 12-spot grid similar to a tic-tac-toe board with the painter's tape making sure the spots are large enough to fit the plates. Create two sets of plates numbered 1-6. Put one animal picture in each spot in the grid then place a paper plate on top of each picture. Place the die nearby.

During the Activity: Invite one child at a time to roll the die, find the plate with the matching number, then lift to reveal the animal hiding under it. Ask child to name the animal and make its sound. When the sheep is found, lead everyone to cheer. Reset the game by mixing up the pictures and repeat as desired.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come over and let's play a game together!"

During the Activity: "Look at this fun game board! There's a sheep hiding under one of these spots! Let's take turns trying to find it. [Child's name] come roll the die. (Pause.) Wow! You rolled a [number]! Pick one of the plates with a [number] on it. Lift it up and tell us what the animal is and make that animal sound. (Pause.) Did we find the sheep? (If yes, celebrate.) Not the sheep this time. Let's keep going until we find it! Great job! You searched carefully until you found the sheep. Let's keep going until we uncover all the animals. (Continue until all the animals are revealed. Reset and repeat as desired.) That was such a fun game!"

After the Activity: "In our Bible Story today, Jesus told a story about a shepherd who loved his sheep so much that he kept looking until he found the one that was lost. Friends, Jesus loves us the same way the shepherd loves his sheep. I'm so glad that **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me and Jesus loves you! Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!**"

5 min

Missing Sheep Game | Made to Create

What You Need

▢ "Missing Sheep Game" Activity Page	1
▢ "Missing Sheep Label" Activity Page	1
▢ Cardstock	1
▢ Avery® Labels # 5163 or equivalent	1
▢ Crayons	Several
▢ Cotton balls	Several
▢ Glue sticks	Several
▢ 12-ounce plastic cups	3
▢ Gallon-sized resealable bags	1
▢ Scissors	1
▢ Permanent Marker	1



EveryChild Tips

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Provide adaptive crayons.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Missing Sheep Game" on cardstock and cut, one cutout per child and leader. Copy "Missing Sheep Label" on label paper, one label per child. For each child, fold and flatten their cutout. Make an example. Write each child's name on their bag.

During the Activity: Encourage children to color their sheep, glue a cotton ball to it, and fold to stand. Leader places their sheep under one cup then move the cups around on the table without lifting them and ask the children to guess which cup the sheep is under. Lift the cups chosen to find the sheep. Give each child three cups, placing all three cups open side down, with one cup covering their sheep. Let children explore and play. Ask children to place the sticker on their bag then stack the cups and place them in the bag along with their sheep. Seal bags and send home.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends! I have a game for you to make today that will help you remember today's Bible Story."

During the Activity: "Look at this cute little sheep! (Hold up your example.) Use the crayons to color it and you can add one cotton ball to it to make it fluffy! (Pause.) Great job! Now fold it so it stands like mine. (Put your folded sheep on the table.) The sheep in our story was missing. (Put three cups on the table upside down, one covering the sheep.) Now my sheep is missing! (Slide the cups around on the table without lifting them.) Do you know where my sheep is? (Pause for responses.) Let's see. (Lift up the selected cup.) No ... not under that cup. What about this one? (Continue until the sheep is found.) There's my sheep! Thank you for helping find it! Now, you play! (Give each child three cups. Placing each upside down on the table in front of them, covering the sheep with one of the cups.) That was so much fun! Let's make a bag for you to take your game home in. Add this label to the bag. (Pause.) It has directions on how to play the game. Now stack your cups together and put them into your bag with your cute little sheep." (Seal and send home.)

After the Activity: "Today we heard a story Jesus shared about a shepherd who had 100 sheep, and one went missing. The shepherd loved all his sheep so much that when he saw one was missing, he made sure the other sheep were safe then went looking for it. The shepherd was so happy to find his missing sheep that when he got home, he celebrated! Friends, Jesus loves US like the shepherd loved his sheep. Jesus loves EVERYONE no matter where we are or what we've done. Jesus always sees us and wants to bring us close to Him. Jesus loves you and [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me! That's right! Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!"

"Jesus told the story of the shepherd leaving his 99 sheep to find the one lost sheep because He loves everyone just like the shepherd loved his

sheep. No matter where we are or what we've done, Jesus always sees us and wants to bring us close to Him. Jesus loves you, and **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me."**

5 min

Journal and Prayer | Made to Reflect

What You Need

- "Memory Verse Card" from Week One 1
- Journal 1
- Fun-shaped Pen 1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible, copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Matthew 19:14. *Note: Keep this card in your Bible all month long.*

Encourage children to act like sheep as you walk to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

During the Activity: Review the Memory Verse and hand motions. Then, encourage the children to help you make a list in the journal of people they love.

After the Activity: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "It's Small Group time! Today we're going to pretend we're sheep while we walk to our Small Group spot. Follow me and say 'baa-baa-baa' all the way to our Small Group spot! (Say 'baa-baa-baa' like a sheep as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.) Yay! We made it, little sheep! Now let's sit down so we can talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

During the Activity: (Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.) "In our Bible Story today, Jesus told a story about a shepherd and his sheep. What did the shepherd do when one of his sheep was lost? (Pause for responses.) That's right! The shepherd looked for his lost sheep because he loved all of his sheep. And what did the shepherd do when he found his lost sheep? (Pause for responses.) That's right! The shepherd carried his sheep home and celebrated with his friends and family! Jesus told this story so we can know how much He loves us. Jesus loves EVERYONE no matter where we are or what we've done, Jesus wants to bring us close to Him. Jesus loves you and **[Bottom Line]** Jesus loves me. Who loves you? **[Bottom Line]** Jesus loves me.

"Hey! That reminds me of the new Bible verse we are learning today! It says, 'Jesus said (tap finger to middle of each palm) "Let the children (point to children) come to me,"' (move hands toward self) Matthew 19:14." (Open hands like a book.) Let's stand up and say that Bible verse together! Just say what I say and do what I do! 'Jesus said (tap finger to middle of each palm) "Let the children (point to children) come to me,"' (move hands toward self) Matthew 19:14." (Open hands like a book.) Yay! (Clap.)

"Let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Open journal.) Today, we're going to make a list of people we love. When I say your name, tell me one person you love, and I will write it in our journal." (Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

After the Activity: "Look at all of the people we love. (Hold up journal.) Let's use it when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.) Dear God, thank You for Jesus, and how He loves us like the shepherd loved his sheep. We love (read the list the children made) and Jesus does too! We love You, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."

Supplies

Going on a Sheep Hunt | Made to Move

	Quantity
1. Cotton balls	100
2. Small heart sticker	1
3. Basket	1

Find the Sheep | Made to Play

	Quantity
1. Basket or plastic bin	1
2. Small sheep toy	1
3. Small toy animals	Several
4. Confetti	Several
5. Optional Inclusive Supplies: Photos of animals	Several

Find the Hidden Sheep | Made to Explore

	Quantity
1. "Find the Hidden Sheep" Activity Page	1
2. Cardstock	1
3. Crayons or washable markers	Several
4. Small heart stickers	1

Sheep in the Pen | Made to Play

	Quantity
1. Green butcher paper	1
2. Cotton balls or white pom-poms	Several
3. Scissors	1
4. Painter's Tape	1

Shepherd the Sheep | Made to Think

	Quantity
1. White mylar balloons	Several
2. Pool noodle	1
3. Plastic straw	Several
4. Scissors	1
5. Painter's tape	1
6. Optional: Butcher paper and a table	1

Roll and Search | Made to Move

	Quantity
1. "Roll and Search" Activity Page	1
2. Cardstock	1
3. Paper plates	1
4. Die	1
5. Painter's tape	1
6. Permanent Marker	1

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Sheep on Your Shoulder | Made to Move

Quantity

1. Fluffy pillow	1
2. White pillowcase	1
3. Pom-poms in a variety of colors	Several
4. Small disposable cups	1

Missing Sheep Game | Made to Create

Quantity

1. "Missing Sheep Game" Activity Page	1
2. "Missing Sheep Label" Activity Page	1
3. Cardstock	1
4. Avery® Labels # 5163 or equivalent	1
5. Crayons	Several
6. Cotton balls	Several
7. Glue sticks	Several
8. 12-ounce plastic cups	3
9. Gallon-sized resealable bags	1
10. Scissors	1
11. Permanent Marker	1

Journal and Prayer | Made to Reflect

Quantity

1. "Memory Verse Card" from Week One	1
2. Journal	1
3. Fun-shaped Pen	1