

JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD



BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 10:1-18

STORY POINT: Jesus is the Good Shepherd and leads us to abundant life.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: What did Jesus teach when He was on earth?

Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL QUESTIONS:

- **Read John 10:1-18.** Who is the good shepherd?
Why do we need a shepherd?
- How does it make you feel that Jesus knows your name?
How can you learn to listen to the voice of Jesus?
Do you think you will have a better life if you follow the voice of Jesus or some other voice? Why or Why not?
- How can you learn to run away from a stranger's voice.
- How is Jesus the gate to eternal life?
- **Read John 10:11.** How did Jesus show his love and prove that he is the good shepherd?

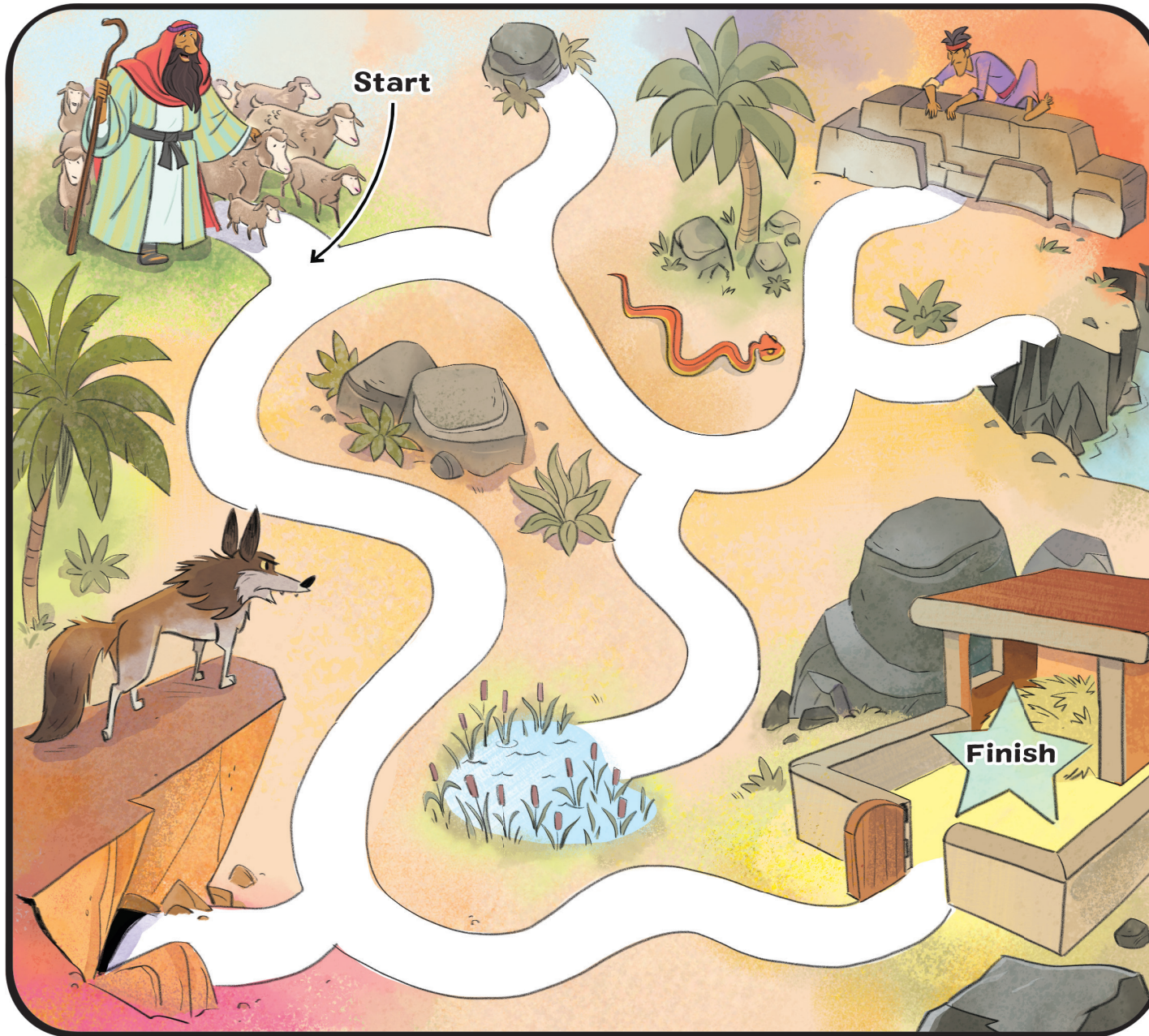
All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:25-26



Follow the Shepherd

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the maze to get the sheep safely to the pen.



Preschool Activity Pages

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The Good Shepherd

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus told a story about sheep and a shepherd.
- Jesus said God's people are like sheep.
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd who gives up His life for the sheep.

KEY PASSAGE: John 14:26

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How are we like sheep?
- How did Jesus show He is the Good Shepherd?
- How does it feel to know no one can take you "out of Jesus' hand"?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Research fun facts about sheep and shepherds as a family. If possible, arrange to see sheep in person. Talk about how we are like sheep and Jesus is our Good Shepherd.
- Join friends and play a game where family members close their eyes and must guess who is talking. Talk about how Jesus said His sheep know His voice.



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Guard the Flock

INSTRUCTIONS: Connect the dots in numerical order to complete the fence and gate around the sheep.



BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus told a story about sheep to explain His love for people.
- Some people want to hurt God’s people, but Jesus protects us.
- Jesus laid down His life to save people.
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for His people.

KEY PASSAGE: John 14:25-26

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What did Jesus do to protect His “sheep”?
- How will Jesus’ “sheep” behave?
- How can we become part of Jesus’ flock?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Take your family to a petting zoo. Spend time talking to your kids about sheep and point out the features of the petting zoo— caretakers and gates and fences— that keep the animals safe. Discuss Jesus’ role as the Good Shepherd.



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Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- In what ways are people like sheep?
- Do you go your own way or follow Jesus? Why?
- How have you seen or experienced Jesus' care for your family?

The Good Shepherd

John 10

STORY POINT: JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD WHO CARES FOR HIS PEOPLE.

Jesus told a story to the Jewish leaders: "If a person climbs into a sheep pen, he is not the shepherd; he is a thief. A shepherd enters the pen through the gate. When the sheep hear the shepherd's voice, they recognize him and follow him. A shepherd calls his sheep by name, and he leads them." The people did not understand Jesus' story. Jesus was talking about God's people as sheep. Jesus is the Shepherd.

Jesus said, "I am the gate for the sheep. They come in through Me and are saved." Jesus warned, "A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy." Jesus said, "I have come so that they may have life."

"I am the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep," Jesus said. "I know My sheep, and My sheep know Me."

The Jews argued with one another. Many said, "Don't listen to Him; He has a demon. He's crazy." Others said, "That's not true. How can a demon give sight to the blind?"

The Jewish leaders asked Jesus, "Are You really the Messiah? Just tell us."

Jesus answered, "I did tell you but you do not believe because you are not My sheep. My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of My hand."

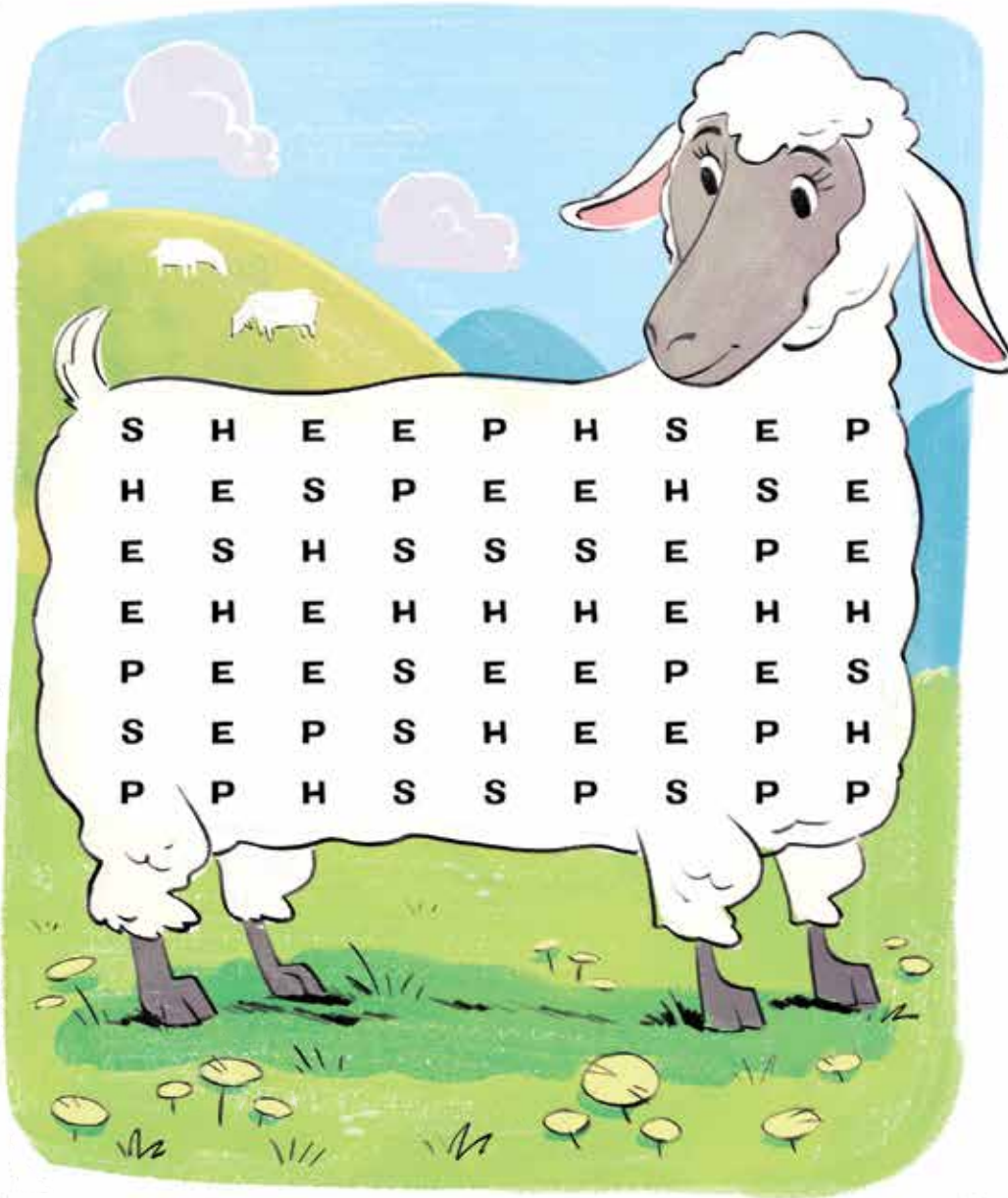
Christ Connection: Jesus is the Good Shepherd. God sent Him to rescue sinners. Jesus laid down His life for His sheep so they could have forgiveness and eternal life. When we trust in Jesus, we are His sheep who listen to, follow, and obey Him.



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Sheep Search

How many times can you find the word *SHEEP* in the word search?



Sheep or Shepherd?

Color the icon for each statement to indicate which is described. Then fill in the blanks with *sheep* or *shepherd*.



Enters the pen by the gate (John 10:2)



Call his own by name (John 10:3)



Follows the voice they know (John 10:4)



Runs from a stranger (John 10:5)



Comes so they may have life (John 10:10)



Lays down his life (John 10:11)



Part of the flock (John 10:16)

Jesus said, "I am the Good _____ who lays down His life for the _____. I know My _____, and My _____ know Me."