

Keep Your Sheep

Materials

- ☐ White balloons for each student (minus one)

Instructions

Inflate one balloon for each student, except for one who will be the Rich Man (It). Explain to the students that they will be like the Poor Man who only had one sheep. They will hold on to one balloon by the tail end where the knot is tied. But the Rich Man will chase after the others trying to grab their sheep balloons. When he does get a balloon, he will keep it, and the person who lost his sheep becomes the Rich Man. Play for a specified time or until everyone has had a turn as the Rich Man.

Remind the Poor Men that they can only hold on to the knotted end of the balloons—no hugging the balloons.

Remind the Rich Man that he must be able to simply grab the balloon. If the other person is holding too tightly, he must try someone else. No tug-of-war allowed. He may have to be sneaky and catch them off guard when they aren't holding tightly enough.

Suggested Discussion

In today's lesson, Nathan used a story to help David understand that he had sinned, and God knew about it. Just like it was wrong for the rich man to steal the poor man's sheep, it was wrong for David to want Bathsheba as his own when she belonged to someone else.

God wants us to pay attention to what we're doing. And when we start to even think about doing something we know is wrong, we should stop and ask God to help us do what's right instead.