

Oak Arbor New Church Sunday School: Lessons for Preschool – Kindergarten

Lesson 1.24: THE LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD — Luke 15: 3-6

READING

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IDEAS FOR TEACHER

- ◆ The Lord and His angels are constantly caring for us and leading us toward heaven.
- ◆ The lost sheep represents an innocent affection that we have “lost.”
- ◆ The sheep that was lost and then found is the good within the man who repents.

WORSHIP CIRCLE

Introduce the Story

1. What is a shepherd? (Someone who takes care of sheep.) Discuss how he tenderly cares for each one.
2. Today’s story is about a sheep that was lost. The Lord told people this story when He was on the earth.

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STORY AND DISCUSSION

1. This is the story the Lord told: There was a man who had one hundred sheep. One of them was lost, and he didn’t know where it was. He left the rest of the sheep and went to find the lost sheep. When he found it he was very happy, and he carried it home on his shoulder. When he got home, he called his friends and said, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!” (Talk about how you would be happy if you found something special that you had been looking for.)
2. Ask the children how many sheep did the shepherd have? (100) That is a lot, isn’t it?
3. How many sheep were lost? (1) Why did the shepherd leave all of his sheep to look for the one lost sheep?
4. Did he find the lost sheep? How did he feel when he found it?
5. The Lord told us this story because it has a special meaning for us. The Lord is our shepherd and we are like sheep. Some times we are sad or we do something wrong, and we are like the lost sheep. But the Lord helps us if we want Him to, and He makes us happy again. The Lord rejoices when we are happy and no longer lost.
6. Remember that the Lord is our shepherd the next time you are afraid of something or sad. Think about the Lord and He will help you become happy again!

PROJECT

Make a picture of a shepherd looking for lost lambs. Use a large sheet of construction paper with four doors cut into it. Staple it to another sheet. Make shepherds from wallpaper samples (or anything). Put the lost sheep behind one of the doors, and some other sheep by the shepherd (use cotton balls for sheep). The children can draw other things behind the remaining doors such as flowers, a rabbit, birds, etc.

EXTRA ACTIVITY

Play a game with a toy lamb. Children take turns hiding it, and the shepherd finds the “lost lamb.” (This can be the teacher guessing whose back it is behind, or the children can take turns finding it hidden in the room.)

Note: The project and extra activity for this lesson have been adapted from the Glenview Preschool Sunday School Lesson 2.02 on the parable of the lost sheep.

