

December 17, 2017

Bible Focus: The angels tell about Jesus.

The Shepherds • *Luke 2:8-20*

Memory Verse: "God has given a son to us." Isaiah 9:6, NCV

Key Question: How do we know God loves us?

Bottom Line: God gave us Jesus.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

Here's an overview of what you'll be teaching in 2s this week.

Social (9:00, 10:15, 11:30)

- Being Sheep

Playground (9:10, 10:25, 11:40)

- If the weather allows, travel to the playground for 10 minutes of playtime outside.

Snack (9:22, 10:37, 11:52)

- Offer snack to the children, indoors

Bible (9:30, 10:45, 12:00)

- Bible History presentation in the Sandbox

Groups (9:45, 11:00, 12:15)

- Shepherd Picture

Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)

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Let one teacher lead children in activities throughout the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door. At this age not all children will participate, but most will want to be part of the fun.

Being Sheep

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: Hula-hoop

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Guide the children to stand in front of you.

During the Activity: Ask the children to pretend to be sheep, and you pretend to a shepherd. Encourage them to get on their hands and knees and say, "baa, baa," as they move around the room. Place the hula-hoop on the floor and instruct your "sheep" to go into the pen (hula-hoop). Repeat several times.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Today we are going to talk about shepherds. Shepherds take care of sheep. A shepherd keeps sheep safe. He stays with them in the fields and helps them go into their pen so they are safe!"

During the Activity: "I will be the shepherd, and you can be my sheep! Everyone get on your hands and knees and move around like this (*demonstrate*) while saying, 'baa, baa.' (*Do activity.*) You are all wonderful sheep! Now it is time for you to go into your pen. (*Lay down the hoop and motion for the children to go into pen.*) Great job, my little sheep! You can get out of your pen now." (*Repeat several times.*)

After the Activity: "You were amazing sheep! In our Bible Truth, we will hear about an angel who came to tell the shepherds some WONDERFUL news! I can't wait for you to hear what it is!"

Transition: Move to Playground time by pretending to be sheep on the way. Say, "Let's continue to 'baa, baa' like sheep on the way to the playground area! Everybody grab a handle on our rope first."

Playground (9:10, 10:25, 11:40)

If the weather allows, use this time to travel outside for 10 minutes of playtime. Place your "We are on the Playground" sign on the door as you leave. This will allow parents who are late to find you.

Snack (9:22, 10:32, 11:52)

Bible (9:30, 10:40, 12:00)

Travel to the Sandbox for the Large Group presentation. Place your "We are in The sandbox sign on the door as you leave.

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Groups (9:45, 11:00, 12:25)

The following activities help make the Bottom Line stick. Encourage children to play on their own if they do not wish to take part in an activity.

Shepherd Picture

Talk About God | Bible Review

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible Truth, Bottom Line, or memory verse by creating a craft

What You Need: "Shepherd Picture" Activity Page, glue sticks, cotton balls (5 per child), and completed sample craft.

What You Do:

During the Activity: Give each child an Activity Page and five cotton balls. Help the children place each cotton ball on a sheep outline on their Activity Page. Help the children glue on all of the cotton balls.

After the Activity: Retell today's Bible Truth.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We heard an amazing Bible Truth today!"

During the Activity: (Hold up Activity Page.) "Our page has a picture of a shepherd with his sheep on it. *(Point.)* And here are the angels telling the shepherds all about how God gave us Jesus. *(Point.)* The sheep need to be fluffy! Let's glue cotton balls onto our sheep! *(Do activity.)* Nice work!"

After the Activity: "God sent angels to tell the shepherds some AMAZING news! They told them that God gave us Jesus! Then the shepherds went and told everyone all about Jesus. We should tell everyone about Jesus too! **How do we know God loves us? [Bottom Line] God gave us Jesus!**"

Get Ready to Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)