

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 7/26/20

SCRIPTURE: John 10

LESSON: The Good Shepherd

INTRO



Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week we learned what Jesus taught His followers about their possessions and what they treasure. This week we are going to learn about Jesus' teaching that He is our Shepherd and we are His sheep. .

Opening Activity - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.

Blindfold your kid and stand across the room from them. Have them come to you by listening to your voice. For an extra challenge, throw some obstacles in the path that you can help them maneuver by describing what is in front of them and what they need to do to get around them!

LESSON - THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [The Good Shepherd](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

A good shepherd knows his sheep. (Kids repeat!)

When Jesus was telling this story He said that when a shepherd calls his sheep they recognize his voice and follow him. A good shepherd cares for his sheep SO well and talks to his sheep SO much that they learn his voice and listen to him and go where he leads them. Why do you think they do that? Why won't they just go when any old person calls them? Because they've learned to trust their shepherd! He's the one that takes care of them and gives them what they need, so they follow Him. A thief or a stranger isn't going to take good care of them, so they don't follow strangers; they follow their real shepherd. Their good shepherd. And I bet you all can't guess who our good shepherd is can you?

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

A good shepherd wants good things for his sheep. (Kids repeat!)

In this story, Jesus said that when thieves come they want to steal, kill and destroy. That sounds like the opposite of what a good shepherd does, right?! Good shepherds want good things for their sheep; they want to give their sheep the things that they need. Now, is needing something the same thing as wanting something? Nope. I need to eat food, right? Will just any old food do? Can I just stuff myself with candy all the time if that's what I want? Only if I want to feel terrible and not be healthy! Sometimes what I want is not what I need. A good shepherd knows the "good things" his sheep need...but that may not always be what the sheep feel like they want. Maybe sometimes the sheep don't want to go to their sheep beds or brush their sheep teeth...that doesn't mean it isn't what they need and isn't a good thing.

Story Point #3: (Kids repeat!)

A good shepherd gives his life for his sheep. (Kids repeat!)

Jesus made another really good point in this story about what good shepherds do. A good shepherd will lay down his life to protect his sheep. If a bunch of wolves come



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along to try and eat the sheep up, a good shepherd will risk his own life to try and fight them off. Do you think a thief would do that? Definitely not! A thief would make a run for it because they don't really love and care about the sheep anyway! But a good shepherd does love and care about his sheep; he would never abandon them. A good shepherd will give his own life for them.

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus is our Good Shepherd! (kids repeat)

Why was Jesus telling this story about shepherds and sheep? Because He wanted us to know who our good shepherd is, and who is it? Him! Jesus! He knows us and He wants good things for us and He gave his life for us. He was willing to die on the cross to pay for our sins so that we could have forgiveness and life forever with Him. When we trust in Jesus, we listen, follow and obey Him - just like sheep do with their shepherd. And do you know what else He says? When we're His sheep, NO ONE can snatch us away from Him. He is our Good Shepherd forever, and that is the best news in the whole world!



RESPONSE

Sing: [By His Wounds](#) (Current Key Passage Song)
[Good Good Father](#)

Pray: Dear Jesus, thank You for being our Good Shepherd. Help us recognize Your voice and trust that You want good things for us. Amen.

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What do sheep recognize about the shepherd? *His voice*
- What do sheep do when they hear a stranger's voice? *Run away*
- What does a good shepherd want for his sheep? *Good things that the sheep need*
- How can we be sure we're following Jesus' voice? How do we learn to recognize what our good shepherd is saying to us?
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
 - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com.*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

Parent Share - What do you do when you realize you haven't been following Jesus' voice? What do you do when the good things Jesus wants for you don't feel like what you want?

Draw My Picture - *Supplies: Pencils or crayons, paper, listening ears.* Give each child paper and pencil. Have them draw your picture according to the following directions then compare at the end what everyone drew! (Important note! Adjust drawing directions to make the activity more/less challenging depending on age/ability.)



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1. Draw a medium-sized circle in the middle of your paper.
2. Draw a medium-sized square below the circle but have the top of it touch the bottom of the circle.
3. Draw a medium-sized heart in the square.
4. Draw two smaller rectangles, one on each side of the square. They should go the wide way, not the tall way, and they should touch the sides of the square. Also, the top of each rectangle should line up with the top of the square.
5. Draw a medium-sized triangle above the circle. The bottom of the triangle should touch the top of the circle.
6. Draw three small stars anywhere inside the triangle.
7. Draw a small triangle in the center of the medium-sized circle.
8. Draw an arc which curves up below the small triangle.
9. Draw two small circles above the small triangle, one slightly to the right and one slightly to the left.

