

Family Faith Talk

April 26, 2020

At Home Sunday School for Your Family

Family Devotion:

Read aloud John 10:11-16.

Say: What do you know about sheep? Sure, they're cute and cuddly with great wool for socks and sweaters. But sheep are also famous for wandering off, getting into sticky situations, and being stubborn. Kind of sounds like us, doesn't it? Sure, we can be cute and cuddly, but thanks to sin we wander from God. We get ourselves into sticky situations, and we've all been stubborn.

But all sheep have a shepherd who cares for them. Shepherds search for lost sheep, feed sheep and rescue sheep. We have a Good Shepherd who finds, feeds and saves us, too. Jesus is our Shepherd! He finds us when we've wandered away. He feeds us with his word. He gives us ways out of our sticky, sinful situations and rescues us from sin, death and the devil. What a Good Shepherd!

Today's Bible Story:

Get your family thinking deeper about the story with these discussion starters:

1. What are three ways we're like sheep?
2. How is Jesus our Good Shepherd?
3. Tell about a time God helped you out of a sticky, sinful situation.
4. Jesus feeds us with his word. What's a Bible verse you really like?
5. What do we mean when we say that we have "wandered away"?
6. Look back over today's Bible reading. What are some specific ways Jesus cares for us, His sheep?

Family Prayer:

Jesus, we're sorry for the times that we've been like sheep in our sin. Thank you for being our Good Shepherd and finding, feeding and saving us. In your name we pray, Amen.

This Week's Memory Verse:

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:11

Song Suggestions:

Search for these groups on YouTube to find great Sunday school and Scripture songs to sing as a family!

Sunday School Songs Concordia Publishing House (a large collection of songs/hymns by CPH)

Seeds Family Worship (Scripture verses)

Lifetree Kids

Cedarmont Kids (more familiar Sunday school songs)

Crafts and Activities:

Search Google for "good shepherd" for printable coloring pages!

Craft Ideas:

Q-tip Dot Painting: Gather Q-tips, paint, white paper, paper plate. Cover your work surface with newspaper. Draw a large cross outline on the white paper. Put some of each color paint on the paper plate. Using the Q-tips, dab paint from the plate onto the cross, making dots of color on the cross. As you paint, talk about how Jesus is our good shepherd, and also the Lamb of God who takes away our sin and rose again from the dead!

Activity Ideas:

Good Shepherd Hide and Seek: Play a simple game of hide and seek, only the seeker is called the "Good Shepherd".

Other variations: Designate sheep, a Good Shepherd, and a wolf. The wolf tries to catch the sheep. Once caught, the sheep is frozen. The Good Shepherd will save (unfreeze) the sheep.