The Good Shepherd

Luke 15:3-7

SPRING UNIT 2: I Learn from Jesus

BIBLE VERSE:

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

GOD'S WORD & ME (BOTTOM LINE:) Jesus tells me to be kind and serve others.



Tell the Story

Open your Bible to Luke 15. Tell the story using the pictured motions (keywords in bold) or show Bible Story 37 pictures.

Have you ever lost something? What did you do to find it? Let's listen to a story Jesus told about a shepherd and a lost sheep.



One day Jesus told this story. There was a shepherd who had one hundred sheep. (One hundred is many more than the number of children in our class!) This shepherd loved his sheep. He knew the name of each one of his sheep.

In the morning the kind shepherd **led** his sheep to the hillsides. The sheep ate the green grass on the hillside. And they drank cool water. The shepherd made sure the sheep had enough to eat and drink.



When nighttime came, the shepherd kept his sheep safe in a place called a sheepfold. This sheepfold was a big yard with a stone wall around it. There was no door, so the shepherd slept right across the doorway of the sheepfold. "No one can get into the sheepfold and hurt MY sheep!" he said.



One night the shepherd was counting his sheep. He **counted** $1 \dots 2 \dots 3 \dots$ all the way up to $98 \dots 99$ but . . . oh my! One sheep was GONE! Where was that sheep?



Right away the shepherd went out to find his lost sheep. He **looked** and looked. He called and called the sheep's name. Then the shepherd heard a BAAA! What was that? he wondered. Then he heard it again. BAAA! There was the lost sheep! The sheep had gotten lost and could not find its way home. The shepherd reached down and **lifted** the sheep onto his shoulders. All the way home, the kind shepherd carried the sheep. The shepherd was so happy to have found the lost sheep.

"God loves us like that," Jesus said. "He is glad when we choose to love and obey Him."







