

3-5s | W2

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

Going on a Sheep Hunt

Large Group (20 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Worship

Bible Story

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Sheep in the Pen

Roll and Search

Journal and Prayer



Bible Story

The Lost Sheep • Luke 15:3-7
Jesus sees me.

Key Question

Who loves you?

Bottom Line

Jesus loves me.

Memory Verse

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." •
Matthew 19:14 NLT

5 min

Social

5 min

Going on a Sheep Hunt | Made to Move

What You Need

 Cotton balls	100
 Small heart sticker	1
 Basket	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the heart sticker onto one cotton ball to be the lost sheep. Scatter all the cotton balls around the room.

During the Activity: Invite children to go on a hunt to find the lost sheep. Encourage children to move around the room, picking up cotton balls and looking for the one with the heart sticker. Once the lost sheep is found, celebrate together. Reset and repeat as desired.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Use larger pom-poms or textured objects for children with fine motor challenges.
- Make the lost sheep more visible with a bright or reflective sticker for children with visual differences.

15 min

Groups

5 min

Sheep in the Pen | Made to Play

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, look on the floor! There are so many cotton balls, they look like little sheep! Let's play a game with them and go on a sheep hunt!"

During the Activity: "Let's pretend to be shepherds and walk around collecting one or two sheep at a time then put them in this basket. (Pause.) A shepherd's job is to take care of their sheep, and you are being a great shepherd! Did anyone find the little lost sheep? The lost sheep has a heart sticker. (Pause.) Can you help me find that sheep too?(Pause.) Yay! You found the little lost sheep! Let's celebrate! Dance, clap and shout hooray! (Pause.) That was so much fun celebrating finding the lost sheep with you! Let's play again!" (Reset and repeat.)

After the Activity: "Wow! Way to go, friends! You were such good shepherds collecting all the sheep and looking and looking until we found the lost sheep. That is such a good reason to celebrate! Today in our Bible Story, we're going to hear about a shepherd who had a lot of sheep, and one was lost. Let's go find out what happened to the little lost sheep in our story."

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by looking for hearts on the way to your designated area.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come stand with me around this big green paper and we'll do the motions as we say our verse together. Ready? Here we go! 'Jesus said (*tap finger to middle of each palm*) "Let the children (*point to children*) come to me,"' (*move hands toward self*)

What You Need

👤	Green butcher paper	1
👤	Cotton balls or white pom-poms	Several
👤	Scissors	1
👤	Painter's Tape	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Cut a large piece of butcher paper and place it on the floor in your activity area, away from the wall. Tape the edges of the paper to the floor to secure. Say the Memory Verse and do the motions together with the children.

During the Activity: Ask children to come sit against the wall and give them each a cotton ball/pom-pom. When you say go, ask children to toss their cotton ball/pom-pom to the pen. If the cotton balls/pom-poms land in the pen, say the verse together. Ask children to be shepherds and gather their sheep and return to the wall to play again. Repeat as desired.

After the Activity: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Provide the Memory Verse motions Activity Page for a child to follow along visually.

5 min

Roll and Search | Made to Move**What You Need**

👤	"Roll and Search" Activity Page	1
👤	Cardstock	1
👤	Paper plates	1
👤	Die	1
👤	Painter's tape	1
👤	Permanent Marker	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Roll and Search" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.

Matthew 19:14. *(Open hands like a book.)* Great job friends! Come sit against this wall and we'll play a game together." *(Pause.)*

During the Activity: "Let's pretend this big green paper is a sheep pen and these cotton balls are sheep. *(Give each child a cotton ball/pom-pom.)* When I say go, I want you to try and toss your sheep into the pen. Every time we get a sheep into the pen, we'll say our verse together. Are you ready? Get set...GO! *(Pause.)* Whoa! Look at all the sheep we got into the pen! Say the verse with me. *'Jesus said "Let the children (point to children) come to me,"' Matthew 19:14.* Great! Okay shepherds, go collect your sheep. Once you get your sheep, return to the wall and we'll play again. *(Repeat as desired.)* That was such a fun game."

After the Activity: "The Bible teaches us that Jesus sees us, no matter what. Jesus sees us and loves us and wants to be our friend forever. Jesus loves you *(point to children)* and **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me."**

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come over and let's play a game together!"

During the Activity: "Look at this fun game board! There's a sheep hiding under one of these spots! Let's take turns trying to find it. [Child's name] come roll the die. *(Pause.)* Wow! You rolled a [number]! Pick one of the plates with a [number] on it. Lift it up and tell us what the animal is and make that animal sound. *(Pause.)* Did we find the sheep? *(If yes, celebrate.)* Not the sheep this time. Let's keep going until we find it! Great job! You searched carefully until you found the sheep. Let's keep going until we uncover all the animals. *(Continue until all the animals are revealed. Reset and repeat as desired.)* That was such a fun game!"

After the Activity: "In our Bible Story today, Jesus told a story about a shepherd who loved his sheep so much that he kept looking until he found the one that was lost. Friends, Jesus loves us the same way the shepherd loves his sheep. I'm so glad that **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me and Jesus loves you! Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!"**

Create a 12-spot grid similar to a tic-tac-toe board with the painter's tape making sure the spots are large enough to fit the plates. Create two sets of plates numbered 1-6. Put one animal picture in each spot in the grid then place a paper plate on top of each picture. Place the die nearby.

During the Activity: Invite one child at a time to roll the die, find the plate with the matching number, then lift to reveal the animal hiding under it. Ask child to name the animal and make its sound. When the sheep is found, lead everyone to cheer. Reset the game by mixing up the pictures and repeat as desired.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- Place the grid on a table so children who use wheelchairs or have limited mobility can fully participate without reaching to the floor.
- Allow children to point to the plate/square they choose and have a helper lift it.
- Let multiple children roll together or lift a plate as a team to encourage inclusion.

5 min

Journal and Prayer | Made to Reflect

What You Need

- 👤 "Memory Verse Card" from Week One 1
- 👤 Journal 1
- 👤 Fun-shaped Pen 1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible, copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Matthew 19:14. *Note: Keep this card in your Bible all month long.*

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "It's Small Group time! Today we're going to pretend we're sheep while we walk to our Small Group spot. Follow me and say 'baa-baa-baa' all the way to our Small Group spot! (Say 'baa-baa-baa' like a sheep as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.) Yay! We made it, little sheep! Now let's sit down so we can talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

During the Activity: (Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.) "In our Bible Story today, Jesus told a story about a shepherd and his sheep. What did the shepherd do when one of his sheep was lost? (Pause for responses.) That's right! The shepherd looked for his lost sheep because he loved all of his sheep. And what did the shepherd do when he found his lost sheep? (Pause for responses.) That's right! The shepherd carried his sheep home and celebrated with his friends and family! Jesus told this story so we can know how much He loves us. Jesus loves EVERYONE no matter where we are or what we've done, Jesus wants to bring us close to Him. Jesus loves you and **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.**

Encourage children to act like sheep as you walk to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you.

During the Activity: Review the Memory Verse and hand motions. Then, encourage the children to help you make a list in the journal of people they love.

After the Activity: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

"Hey! That reminds me of the new Bible verse we are learning today! It says, 'Jesus said (*tap finger to middle of each palm*) "Let the children (*point to children*) come to me,"' (*move hands toward self*) Matthew 19:14." (*Open hands like a book.*) Let's stand up and say that Bible verse together! Just say what I say and do what I do! 'Jesus said (*tap finger to middle of each palm*) "Let the children (*point to children*) come to me,"' (*move hands toward self*) Matthew 19:14." (*Open hands like a book.*) Yay! (*Clap.*)

"Let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Today, we're going to make a list of people we love. When I say your name, tell me one person you love, and I will write it in our journal." (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

After the Activity: "Look at all of the people we love. (*Hold up journal.*) Let's use it when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, thank You for Jesus, and how He loves us like the shepherd loved his sheep. We love (*read the list the children made*) and Jesus does too! We love You, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."

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