

# 3-5s | W2

## Small Group (15 minutes)

### Social: Providing time for fun interaction

Going on a Sheep Hunt  
Where's the Sheep  
Find the Hidden Sheep

## 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  
Sheep on Your Shoulder  
Shepherd the Sheep  
Roll and Search  
Missing Sheep Game  
Journal and Prayer

## Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home  
Memory Verse Card  
Parent Cue Card (print or email)

Parent Cue App and ParentCue.org



### 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

19 min

# Worship

3 min

## Worship Opener

### What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

## OPTION 1 (Amazing Music)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

## OPTION 2 (Orange Kids Music)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

## Memory Verse

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. I am SO happy to see you today!"

**LEADER:** "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate because God loves us."

*SONG: "His Banner Over Me Is Love" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available from Amazing Music*

"Great job, friends! Did you know that God loves you! Let's sing a song about that!"

*SONG: "Jesus Loves the Little Children" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available from Amazing Music*

**LEADER:** "Now, let's stand up, and let's celebrate God!"

*SONG: "Jesus Loves Me Remix" available on store.thinkorange.com*

"Great singing, friends! Let's sing one more song together."

*SONG: "Whole Lotta Bit" available on store.thinkorange.com*

"Great singing, friends! Now, let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. (*Open hands like a book.*) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!"

Note: A video of the Memory Verse Motions is available in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

*Jesus said,*

Tap finger to middle of each palm.

*"Let the children*

Point to self.

3 min

## Worship Closer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

*come to me"*

Move hands toward self.

*Matthew 19:14.*

Open hands like a book.

"Can you do that with me?"

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

27 min

# Bible Story Section (Stage)

3 min

## Intro Sketch

### What You Need

-  Several assorted stuffed animals 1
-  One well-loved/worn plush sheep 1
-  Picnic basket 1

Host enters as Worship Leader exits.

Things host needs: Several assorted stuffed animals in a picnic basket which host will carry on stage. The sheep should be hidden on stage (behind a pillow, under a blanket, etc.).

8 min

## Wonder Bible Story (Video)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

## Bible Story (live)

### What You Need

-  Bible 1
-  Table 1
-  Large bag of cotton balls or white pom-poms 1
-  Plush sheep from Intro Sketch 1
-  Option: Cardstock 1

HOST: "Hello there, friends! I'm [your name]. I'm getting ready to have a special 'Sweet Treats' picnic with all of my favorite stuffed animal friends! I want to make sure I have everyone. Let's see... *(Pulls out the bear.)* Barnaby the Bear is here! And ... *(Pulls out the bunny.)* Hoppy the Bunny is here! And... my most favorite, most special friend in the whole world, Sprinkles the Sheep!

Host looks in the empty basket.

"Wait. Where's Sprinkles? *(Looks around frantically.)* Sprinkles isn't in the basket! Oh no! My special sheep is lost! I would be SO sad if I lost my little sheep! I have to find her! She's super important! I've got to go look for her. See you in a little bit!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries a Bible.

Things Storyteller needs: Large bag of cotton balls or white pom-poms, plush sheep from intro sketch, a table to dump cotton balls on.

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm here to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Hold up the Bible then set it on the table.

"You know, my friend [Host's name] is so worried about their lost sheep. It reminds me of a story Jesus told to teach us something very important about God's love. Jesus' story starts with a shepherd. Do you know what a shepherd takes care of? Say it with me!"

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER:** "Sheep!"

**STORYTELLER:** "That's right. And this shepherd had 100 sheep!

Dump out the cotton balls on the table.

"Let's pretend these are all the fluffy sheep. Can you imagine taking care of ALL of these? The shepherd loved every single one. But one day, he counted them and realized one had wandered off and was lost! Oh no! He only had 99!

Slide: Story Image W2 01 (Shepherd counting sheep)

"What do you think he did? Did he just forget about the one sheep? *(Pause.)* No way!

Slide: Story Image W2 02 (Close-up of shepherd)

"Jesus said the shepherd loved that ONE lost sheep so much that he left the 99 in a safe place and went to find it. He wouldn't stop looking until he found it. Let's look around. Do you see a lost sheep anywhere?

Search the storytelling area but stay away from where the plush sheep is hidden.

"Hmm. Not over here. Let's keep looking. Little sheep, where are you?

*Walk to where the plush sheep is hidden and spot it.*

"Wait! Do you see it? Yes! There it is!

Pick up the plush sheep.

Slide: Story Image W2 03 (Shepherd finds sheep)

"The shepherd found his sheep! He was so happy he shouted for joy! He picked it up, put it on his shoulders, and carried it all the way home. Yay, the lost sheep is found! Everybody cheer!

Slide: Story Image W2 04 (Shepherd carrying sheep)

"Jesus told this story to teach us that He is like the shepherd. If we feel lost, Jesus comes to find us. He will search and search for us because He loves us so much. Who loves you?"

**CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me."**

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes, it's true. I am so happy that **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.** Let's close our eyes and talk to God together.

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You will always come looking for us when we feel lost. Thank You for the story

**What You Need**

No supplies needed

3 min

**Outro Sketch****What You Need**

No supplies needed

of the lost sheep that reminds us how important we are to you. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

"Thank you for helping me find the sheep! I'll see you next time. Bye!"

**HOST:** "Wow! Friends! You found Sprinkles! Thank you! I was so worried about her!"

Host runs to the table and hugs the plush sheep.

"I am SO happy she's safe! You know, my heart feels so full and happy right now. It reminds me of the Bible story. That's how happy Jesus is when we are close to Him! He loves us so much. I think I got the story. If you got it, let me see a thumbs-up! *(Pause.)* Awesome. I'm so glad  
**[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.**

"Okay, Sprinkles, let's get you back to the picnic. All the other friends are waiting!"

"Tell me one more time, who loves you?"

**CHILDREN and HOST: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves me."**

**HOST:** "Yes, He does! See you later, friends."

**[Transition]** "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

19 min

# Bible Story Section (Rug)

8 min

## Wonder Bible Story (Video)

### What You Need

No supplies needed

8 min

## Bible Story

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible."

Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.

**LEADER:** "Jesus told a story to help people understand God's love. It starts with a shepherd. A shepherd takes care of sheep! What sound does a sheep make?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Baa!"

Slide: Story Image W2 01 (Shepherd counting sheep)

**LEADER:** "Good job! Pretend you're a shepherd with one hundred sheep. That's a lot! So let's count to ten together just to get started."

Count to ten with the group using fingers, then spread arms wide.

**LEADER:** "And there were many more ... one hundred sheep!"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten!

Slide: Story Image W2 02 (Close-up of shepherd)

**LEADER:** "But one day, the shepherd counted and realized something was wrong. He had ninety-nine ... but one sheep was missing."

**LEADER:** "Let's all say, 'Oh no!'"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Oh no!"

**LEADER:** "Should the shepherd say, 'It's fine, I still have ninety-nine'? Or should he look for the one that is lost?"

Children respond.

**LEADER:** "The shepherd loved every single sheep, so he went to find the one that was lost."

Shade eyes with one hand.

**LEADER:** "Look to the left... look to the right... look behind you... look up the hill."

Lead kids to look in each direction.

**LEADER:** "Let's listen. Do you hear a 'baa'?"

Cup hands behind ears; pause a beat.

Slide: Story Image W2 03 (Shepherd finds sheep)

**LEADER:** "He found it! The shepherd was so happy. Can you cheer for the sheep?"

Quiet cheer together: "Yay!"

Slide: Story Image W2 04 (Shepherd carrying sheep)

**LEADER:** "He picked up the sheep, put it on his shoulders, and carried it all the way home."

Model a careful "carry" across your shoulders

**LEADER:** "When he got home, he told his friends, 'I found my lost sheep! Let's celebrate!'  
Do one big 'Hooray!'"

**CHILDREN AND LEADER:** "Hooray!"

**LEADER:** "Jesus told this story because He loves people like that shepherd loved his sheep. Each person matters to Jesus. When someone feels far away or makes a bad choice, Jesus comes after us so we can be close to Him again."

Place both hands over heart; children copy.

**LEADER:** "Let's say our Bible words together one time."

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'"

Open hands like a book for "Bible," then move hands toward yourself for "come to me."

**LEADER:** "Who loves you?"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** "Jesus loves me."

3 min

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**LEADER:** "Yes! Jesus loves you, and Jesus loves me. Jesus loves children."

Hold up the Bible; smile. Close Bible.

**LEADER:** "You've got it! I am so happy that **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.** Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

**LEADER:** "Dear God, thank You for Jesus. Thank You for the story of the lost sheep that reminds us how much You love us. Thank You for always coming to find us and bring us close to You. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."