

# WEEK 2

## GOD IS SAVIOR GOD RESCUES THE LOST PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE



### THE FOUR KEYS

#### KEY VERSE

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. Luke 19:10

#### KEY IDEAS

1. We are like sheep and go astray in our sin.
2. God is the only One who can rescue us.
3. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who rescues His sheep.

#### KEY PASSAGE

Luke 15:1-7

#### KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

God is able to rescue us from our sin.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

loved by the God who rescues us.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

talk about how God rescues His people through Jesus.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to follow the Good Shepherd.

# INTRODUCTION

Our sin and rebellion against God has separated us from Him for eternity. In our sin we have no hope, but God declared His love for us in the form of Jesus, His Son. Jesus, fully God and fully man, came to earth willingly to take our place in death, defeating both sin and death forever through His sacrifice on the cross. By standing in for us as our substitute, Jesus satisfied God's judgement for sin and offered a way for salvation and eternal life to all who confess their sins and believe in Him. God is our Savior who rescues us from judgement by granting forgiveness through Jesus, His Son, and welcoming us into His family. All who trust in Him are children of God!

## OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin class by playing a game of "Find the Sheep". Hide a small stuffed animal or toy sheep. You as the teacher will hide the animal, and then give clues (use temperature clues like "hot, warm, cold") to help children find it. If time allows, switch and let the children have a turn to hide it while you search for it. Read the parable and then discuss how the shepherd went to search for the one lost sheep so that it might be rescued and how that is an example of how God loves us and cares for us like a shepherd cares for his sheep.

## STORY

Read Luke 15:1-7.

Jesus told His followers a story about a shepherd who had 100 sheep. The shepherd loved and cared for his sheep. Every day, the shepherd would take his sheep to places where they could find plenty of green grass to eat and plenty of cool, clean water to drink. At night, the shepherd would keep the sheep safe in a place called a sheepfold. The sheepfold was a big yard with a stone wall around it. To keep the sheep in the sheepfold, the shepherd would sleep against the doorway.

One day the shepherd was counting his sheep...1...2...3...all the way to 98...99...but oh, no! One sheep was missing. Where was the sheep!? You would have thought the shepherd would consider that since he had 99 other sheep, what was one little sheep that got lost? But the shepherd loved each sheep so much. So, he left the 99 sheep he still had and went to search for the one lost sheep. He looked all around for the sheep. He looked over the hills and in the bushes. Finally, the shepherd found his little lost sheep.

He joyfully placed the sheep on his shoulders and carried him back to the fold. He was so happy he had found his sheep that he called friends and neighbors to celebrate. Jesus told this story to help us understand that God is like the shepherd who loves and cares for us who are like sheep. We are all so important to him.

## ACTIVITY

Using the instructions provided and supplies in the teacher's closet, help children create their own sheep out of construction paper. Use cotton balls instead of finger paint.

## PRAYER

Thank God that He seeks us out as sheep who go astray and rescues us. Ask God to help you trust Him as your shepherd.

## SONG

Jesus, Savior of the World by KidSpring Children's Ministry

# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:9, Psalm 23

## ACTIVITY

Using the finger puppet sheet in your take home packet, help your child color and cut out the puppets. Attach them to popsicle sticks. Use the puppets to act out the story of the lost sheep.

## DISCUSSION

- Why did Jesus tell the story of the lost sheep?  
Jesus wanted to show how much He loves us, that He would come to earth to rescue us from our sin.
- How are we like sheep? (Read Psalm 23 together)  
We are like sheep because we don't know what's best for us and we often run after things that seem good for us but actually harm us. God is like a shepherd because He does know what is best for us, and He shows us where we should go.

## PRAYER

Thank God for rescuing us while we are lost in sin. Ask God to help you talk to others about how God rescues sinners.

## The Parable of the Lost Sheep Bible Craft



**Bible Story:** The Parable of the Lost Sheep

**Bible Text:** Luke 15:3-7

**Suggested Learning Outcome:** This thumbprint craft will help remind children that each person is special to God just like the lost sheep in the story.

### Supplies List:

- Colored construction paper
- Black construction paper
- White paint
- Scissors
- Glue
- Craft eyes

### Teacher Preparation:

Pre-cut 4 rectangular strips and one sheep head shape from black construction paper. Make one set per student (see image).



**Step 2.** Allow children to roll their thumbs in white paint and use their thumbprints to create the sheep's body (see image).



**Step 3.** Guide children in gluing the sheep's head into the appropriate place on the sheep's body. Give students 2 craft eyes to glue to the sheep's face (see image).



## The Shepherd's Flock Puppets

Color the puppets and cut them out very carefully. Attach pencils to the backs with tape and act out the story of the shepherd looking for the lost sheep.

