



Bible Lesson

Lost Lamb

Visuals:
Following after God
Bible Flash-a-Cards
 FG 28–30

Week
7

Preparing to Teach

The Lord is a perfect example of the “Good Shepherd.” Psalm 23 is written for each of us. Take time this week to read over this Psalm several times, meditating on our wonderful “shepherd” who cares for us and meets our needs.

■ Scripture to read

Matthew 18:12–14
 Luke 15:4–6

■ Goal for lesson

The children will learn that God loves us even when we sin.

■ Class memory verse

“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” —John 14:6

Note: Be sure to read pp. 6–9 for teaching songs, memory verses, Bible lessons, and other elements of the class time.

Preparing Lesson Materials (marked in bold)

for Arrival

- Tear out **Activity Book**, pp. **27, 29**. Write names on back of p. 27.
- Have activity sheets and craft materials (**crayons, scissors, and glue**) on tables.
- Have **attendance stickers** ready. (See center insert of Activity Book.)

for Songs

- If possible, practice singing with the CD.
He Is Lord p. 62, track #8
 **B-I-B-L-E* p. 5, track #2
 †*Christ Arose* p. 58, track #3
 †*Lord Is My Shepherd* p. 29, track #12

for Review Lesson

- Review ***Naaman and the Servant Girl (Part 2)*** from last week’s Bible lesson: (*Following after God Bible Flash-a-Cards FG 24–27*).

for Memory Verse

- Have **Verse Card 3** ready. *Optional:* Have Bible Memory Picture Cards for John 14:6 ready to hand out.

for Bible Truth

- Have **Bible Truth questions** ready (from inside back cover).

for Bible Lesson

- Study and practice telling with Flash-a-Cards several times:
Lost Lamb (*Following after God Bible Flash-a-Cards*).
(Optional: Following after God Wk 7, DVD Bible lesson)

for Craft

- See pp. **27** and **29** in **Activity Book**. Make a sample for children to see.

for Dismissal

- Write names on and have Week 7 **Take-Home papers** ready to distribute.

*Visualized Song from Bible Song Visuals N–1.

† Visual available; see *Joyful Life* order form.

Sunday at a Glance

Teaching Tips

We arrive 10 min

Greet children, collect offering, and have children put sticker on attendance chart. Show them where to sit, and have them color their Take-Home paper. Collect papers to hand out at dismissal time.

Visit with the children during this time. Find out new things about them as you help them get settled and busy coloring.

We begin 1 min

Welcome children; recognize birthdays and visitors.

We sing 3–4 min

“He Is Lord” p. 62 track #8

“B-I-B-L-E” p. 5 (sing 2x, last time standing) track #2

Bring a bucket of water and a small doll that a child can dunk into the water 7 times as you review the lesson.

We review God’s Word *Naaman and the Servant Girl (Part 2)* 4–5 min

We learn God’s Word Memory Verse; 3–4 min

John 14:6 **“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”** John 14:6

Review verses previously learned. *Optional:* Have Bible Memory Picture Cards for John 14:6 ready to hand out at end of class.

We pray 3–4 min Two children _____, _____ and teacher pray.

Praise those who are learning the Bible Truth questions and answers. It will encourage others to learn them as well.

We learn Bible truth questions 12–16 (*new*). 2 min

We sing 2–3 min

“Christ Arose” p. 58 vv. 1–2 track #3

“Lord Is My Shepherd” p. 29 track #12

Children love to sing “Christ Arose,” even long after Easter has come and gone, and it is a good reminder of what Christ has done for them.

We listen to God’s Word Bible Lesson; 10–12 min

Lost Lamb End lesson with prayer.

Bring a stuffed animal lamb today to use while you teach the Bible lesson. You might want to allow several children to take turns holding the lamb during the story time. As you close the lesson, thank God that He loves and cares for us and calls us His little lambs.

We talk about the story 1–2 min

1. Who took care of the sheep and kept them from danger? *the shepherd*
2. What happened to the little lamb that did not obey the shepherd? *He got lost and was hurt.*

We sing 1–2 min

“B-I-B-L-E” p. 5 track #2

We make a craft 8–10 min

Activity Book pp. 27, 29

Do the craft step by step with the children, helping those who may be struggling with a part of the project.

Dismissal As you distribute the Take-Home papers, sing together again “The Lord Is My Shepherd.”