



WEEK
ONE
JUNE 2024

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY **GROUPS** HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers



3. COLOR BY NUMBER SHEEP

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Color by Number Sheep" Activity Page; cardstock; and blue, green, and brown washable markers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the "Color by Number Sheep" Activity Page onto cardstock, one per child. Place the pages and markers on the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Point out the key at the bottom of the page. Review the numbers and their corresponding colors from the key. Emphasize that the number four is to be left white. Encourage children to color their paper.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come find a spot at the table! I have a fun page for us to color."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "It's a color-by-number page. That means that each spot with a number has a color that goes with it. Look at the key at the bottom. Do you see the number one? What color is next to the number one? (Pause.) That's right! So in the picture, when you see a '1,' color it blue. So let's match up the numbers and colors to see what's on our page! Can you find the number '4'? What color is next to number 4? (Pause.) That's right! There is NO color there. That means when you see a '4' on the page, you can leave it white. Okay, get coloring! (Pause.) What did you create? (Pause.) A sheep! That's right!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story, we learned there was a shepherd who had one hundred sheep, but one was missing! What did the shepherd do? Did he leave the ninety-nine sheep to find the missing sheep? Yes! Because the shepherd loved each and every one of his sheep! The shepherd loves his sheep just like God loves us! God loves us so we can have joy! **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time!"**

BIBLE STORY

I can have joy because God loves me.

STORY OF THE LOST SHEEP
LUKE 15:1-7

MEMORY VERSE

"A joyful heart is good medicine."

PROVERBS 17:22, ESV

KEY QUESTION

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BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

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MADE TO REFLECT
an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, Bible, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

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WHAT YOU SAY:

Now 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 loving us like the shepherd loved his sheep. We love (*read the list the children made*). It gives us so much joy to know that You love us even more! You love [child's name]. You love [child's name]. You love . . . (*name each child*). Help us remember how much You love us so we can have joy all the time! You are amazing, God! And we love You. In Jesus' name. Amen."