



PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



4. SHEEP IN THE PEN

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Pen" Activity Page, large cardstock or posterboard, and wall tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Pen" on cardstock or enlarge on posterboard and hang it on a wall in the activity

area at preschooler level.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have the children get on all fours in a horizontal line about 15 feet in front of the activity page. Tell the children that they are sheep and they need to get to the "pen." When you say, "Green light" the children move towards the pen. When you say, "Red light" the children stop and freeze. Alternate saying "Red light" and "Green light" until the "sheep" reach the pen.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's pretend to be sheep! Everyone, get on your hands and knees just like a sheep!" (*Demonstrate.*)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Way to go my little sheep! Now it is time to get all of the sheep into the pen. (*Point.*) When I say, 'Green light,' you may move as fast as you can towards the picture of the pen. When I say, 'Red light,' everyone stop and freeze! Let's see how fast we can get all of the sheep to the pen!" (*Do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "That was so fun. Being sheep reminded me of our Bible story from today. It is so awesome to hear Jesus' stories from the Bible that teach us important things. Tell me, **who teaches you important things? Jesus teaches me important things!**"

BIBLE STORY

Jesus teaches us that we are important to God.

THE LOST SHEEP
LUKE 15:3-7

MEMORY VERSE

"The crowds were amazed at his teaching."

MATTHEW 7:28, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who teaches you important things?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus teaches me important things.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible; journal; and fun-shaped pen

BIBLE STORY

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THE LOST SHEEP
LUKE 15:3-7

SGL: Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

"Today, we'll make a list of things that are important to us. Maybe it's your favorite blanket or toy, a special book or someone you live with. It can be anything or anyone that is important to you. So, when I say your name, I want you to tell me one thing that is important to you, and I will write it in our prayer journal. (*Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

MEMORY VERSE

"The crowds were amazed at his teaching."

MATTHEW 7:28, NIV

"These are some very important things. But if God was making a list, He would write YOUR name! Because YOU are important to God. It's true! You are important to God. Let's pray and thank God for sending Jesus to teach us that we are important to Him. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

KEY QUESTION

Who teaches you important things?

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, we have things and people that are important to us, like (*read the list the children made*). All of these things and people are very important. That's why it's so special that we're important to You! (*Name each child*) . . . and I are all important to You. Thank You for loving us and thinking we are important. Help us treat everyone like they are important, too. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

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