

## CatholicMom.com Gospel Activity – Celebrating Our Catholic Faith Religious Education Lesson Plan Helpers by Laura Grace

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### The Good Shepherd

#### **Review:**

Questions from last week's lesson.

**Vocabulary:** (Write bold words on the board and discuss with students)

**Parables-** stories from every day life with a hidden meaning so people could understand more easily what is being taught

**Shepherd-** person who watches and takes care of sheep

#### **Plan:**

1. Read story: "The Good Shepherd" and ask questions from sheet.

1. If a shepherd has lost one of his sheep, what should he do? He goes and looks for the lost sheep.
2. Who is the Good Shepherd? Jesus.

2. Introduce game: What does a shepherd do? What happens if one lamb is missing?

What Lamb Is Missing?

Need: Nothing

Directions: Students sit in a group on the floor. One student is "It" and must turn around and hide their eyes. Another student is picked by the teacher and they go outside of the room. "It" then must guess what lamb is missing. Whoever was the lost lamb is now "It".

Or

Jesus wants us to follow him. What does that mean? Why does he want us to follow him? Let's see if we are good followers and can do the right thing.

What do I do?- <http://www.sundayschoolresources.com/bsawhatdoido.htm>

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OR

Following Jesus- This game will help children understand that their actions can let others know they are followers of Jesus. (The Encyclopedia of Bible Games for Children's Ministry by Group Publishing, page 75).

6. Introduce craft: Who is the Good Shepherd?

Hand Lamb- <http://families-first.com/kids/ross7.htm>

The Hand Lamb craft reinforces Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd." A very cute craft of a sheep made from cotton or fiberfill and the child's handprint.

Love One Another mobile-

[http://biblewise.com/images/kids\\_korner/fun\\_games/2007/february/love\\_one\\_another.pdf](http://biblewise.com/images/kids_korner/fun_games/2007/february/love_one_another.pdf)

7. Puzzles & Mazes, Worksheets, etc.

More 365 Activities for Kids (do Good Shepherd with his Sheep spot the difference on August 26. More puzzles, mazes, dot-to-dot, spot the difference, etc. at September 29 – October 3.

The Great Bible Big Fun Activity Book: From the Old and New Testaments by Toni Lind  
Follow the Dots to see who the shepherd guards against.

Sheep Scramble- Jesus was called the Good Shepherd. How many sheep are in this flock?

Sheep Maze- <http://www.friendshipbaptistchurch.com/csheap.html>

8. Introduce snack: What is Jesus sometimes called? The Good Shepherd

Sheep Treat- [http://www.christiancrafters.com/lesson\\_23Psalm.html](http://www.christiancrafters.com/lesson_23Psalm.html)

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