



WEEK TWO - MARCH 2019 - KINDER/FIRST

Bible Story: *Between You & Me • Genesis 1:26-28*

Bottom Line: *God wants to have a relationship with me.*

Memory Verse: *“How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.” - Psalm 139:14 NIrV*

Life App: *Individuality - Discovering who you are meant to be*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what.*

Summary: Next, we take a look at a parable Jesus told in Luke 15:1-17. In the story, Jesus talks about a shepherd who leaves 99 sheep behind to search for the one sheep that was lost. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who rescues us and makes it possible for us to have a forever relationship with God.

8:50-9:00 | 10:20-10:30 | 11:50-12:00 - EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITIES

1. Early Arriver Idea

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Invite kids to place their offerings in the *For Everyone* box on the wall near the main entrance
- Tell kids they're going to play "Follow the Leader" with you, but it will be a little bit different, because they'll be sheep, and you'll be the shepherd who leads the sheep.
- Guide the kids in doing different movements and making sounds as the sheep.

2. Who Has The Sheep?

Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: Cotton ball

What You Do:

- Play a game of "Sheep, Sheep, Who Has the Sheep?" which is a take on "Button, Button, Who's Got the Button?"
- Guide kids to stand in a circle, facing inward.
- Show them how to cup their hands together behind their backs, like they're waiting for someone to put something into their hands.
- Hold up the cotton ball and tell kids that's the sheep.
- Explain how the game works:
 - You will walk around the outside of the circle and touch each kid's cupped hands.
 - When you touch a kid's hands, he should close them.
 - You will drop the cotton ball into one kid's hands. That kid should also quickly close his hands.
 - When you've gone all the way around the circle, they can bring their hands in front of them, not revealing if they have the cotton ball.
 - With all hands closed, each kid will guess who has the sheep.
 - After each kid has guessed, the kid with the sheep reveals it.
- Play the game as many times as you wish.

What You Say:

(Hold up the cotton ball.) "It wasn't always easy to find the sheep, was it? But we all gave it a try anyway. [Transition] Let's go to Large Group to hear about someone else who finds sheep."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

9:10-9:45 | 10:40-11:15 | 12:10-12:45 - LARGE GROUP

OVERVIEW:

Bottom Line: *God wants to have a relationship with me. When it comes to understanding individuality, it's important we help kids understand that God created them to have a relationship with Him. We hope, through Jesus' parable of the Lost Sheep, kids will start to understand God's amazing love for them.*

9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 SMALL GROUP

1. Verse Search

[Bible Story Review]

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Tub of cotton balls and "Verse Phrases" Activity Page

What You Do:

- Place the tub at one end of the room, and ask kids to line up at the other end.
- One at a time, kids run to the tub, search through the tub to find a phrase, and run back to the group.
- When all phrases have been found, kids put the verse together in order.
- Say the verse together several times.
- If you wish, you can hide the phrases again and play again. For variety, they can skip, tiptoe, or hop to the tub.

What You Say:

*"You found the verse phrases just like Jesus found the lost sheep! He will always look for us, and He will ALWAYS find us because He loves us and wants us to be with Him. **[Bottom Line]** God wants to have a relationship with me and with you (point to a kid) and with you (point to another kid) and with you (repeat for all kids). He wants to talk to us through His Word, the Bible, and He wants us to talk to Him by praying. He wants us to know Him better than anyone else!"*

2. Find It

[Memory Verse Activity]

Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

What You Need: "Find It" Activity Pages, crayons

What You Do:

- Talk about three ways we can have a relationship with God:
 - Reading the Bible, His Word

- Learning more about Him by talking to others who know Him
- Talking to Him through prayer
- Praising Him through singing
- Hand out the Activity Pages, and ask kids to find and circle the four things in the picture:
 - Bible
 - Kid talking to an adult
 - Kid praying
 - Kid singing/praising

What You Say:

***[Bottom Line]** “God wants to have a relationship with me, and He wants to have a relationship with all of you, too. He wants to talk to us through His Word, the Bible. He wants us to learn more about Him by talking to other people who love and follow Him. He wants us to talk to Him by praying to Him. And He wants us to worship Him through things like singing, giving to others, and doing our best. Those are all great ways to grow in our relationship with God!”*

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Remind kids that God looks for the lost so He can save them.
- Lay out the salvation message for them: God loved us so much that God gave us His Son, Jesus, to save us. When we believe this, we receive the gift of life that lasts forever.
- Say it again, but emphasize the phrases: God loved. God gave. We believe. We receive.
- Ask kids to repeat those short sentences after you

What You Say:

*“Yes! God loved us SO much that He sent Jesus to save us so we can live with Him and have a relationship with Him FOREVER. Wow! That’s so amazing, and that gets me so excited. **[Bottom Line]** God wants to have a relationship with me, and He wants to have a relationship with each of you, too! Let’s pray and thank God for sending Jesus!*

“Dear God, Thank You so much for loving us, even when we were lost and far from you. Thank You for sending Jesus to make a way for us to be with You forever. We love you. We pray this in Jesus’ name, amen.”

*As adults arrive to pick up, tell kids to say the Bottom Line: **[Bottom Line]** God wants to have a relationship with me. Also, don’t forget to hand out this month’s content overview to each parent!*

