



Parents, today at church, we told your child a story and taught them a memory verse. We have printed both below, so that you can review the story and verse with them at home and talk about them this week. Also, there are a couple of questions that you can together to help them review the story. It is our goal to partner with you in teaching your child about Jesus. Have a blessed week with your child and we look forward to seeing you next week at church!

## **Bible Story**

### **A Sheep Gets Lost (Salvation)**

(From Luke 15:3-7)

There was a shepherd who took care of 100 sheep. He took very good care of his sheep. The shepherd gave the sheep food and water. He watched over them and protected them. Then one day one sheep wandered away and was lost. If the shepherd was going to find the lost sheep he would have to leave the 99 and go look for the one. And so, that's what he did.

Jesus said the shepherd left the other sheep and looked all day and all night until he found the lost sheep. And when he found the sheep, he was so happy and full of joy that he carried the sheep all the way back home. Then the shepherd told all of his friends and neighbors how happy he was that he found the lost sheep.

Jesus told this story to help us understand that if we don't follow Jesus, or He isn't the boss of our life, then we are like that lost sheep. Jesus wants us to be in Heaven with him some day. He doesn't want us to be lost; He wants us to choose to follow Him. Remember how happy the shepherd was when he found the lost sheep? The shepherd was so excited and full of joy that he told all of his friends and

family. Well, when we decide we are going to follow Jesus, we are like the sheep when he was found and there is rejoicing in Heaven! It's like the angels have a big party for each person who chooses to follow Jesus. Isn't that awesome!

**Memory Verse:** Heaven rejoices when someone turns to God. Luke 15:7

**Lesson in a Word:** Joy

**Pray:** Dear Jesus, I know that you are my shepherd. You love me and take good care of me. I am learning that You want me to stay close to You and obey You all my life. I know that if I lose my way, you will find me because you love me. Thank you that you have a special home in heaven for me. I choose you to be my Savior. Amen.

**Review:** Use the following questions to review the lesson with the children.

Question 1: How many sheep did the shepherd have? (100)

Question 2: What did the shepherd do when he realized one of his sheep was lost? (He left the 99 to find the 1)

Question 3: How did the shepherd feel when his sheep was found? (Happy, full of joy)

Question 4: Who did he tell when he found the sheep? (Friends and neighbors)