

**Materials I Need:**

**Memory Verse:**

Two- and three-year-old verse: John 10:27: "My sheep listen to My voice, and they follow Me."

Four- and five-year-old verse: John 10:27: "My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me."

**Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:**

1. **Did Jesus do a miracle with mud on a man's eyes?** (*Yes. Jesus healed the blind man's eyes so that he could see.*)
2. **Did the healed man believe that Jesus was sent from God?** (*Yes. He believed and worshipped Jesus.*)
3. **Is Jesus like a good shepherd?** (*Yes. Jesus takes care of His people and gives His life for them, just like a good shepherd takes care of his sheep.*)
4. **Did the healed blind man want to follow Jesus like a sheep follows a shepherd?** (*Yes. The healed man listened to Jesus' voice and followed Him.*)
5. **Do you want to listen to Jesus' words and follow Him?** (*Say the memory verse.*)

**Aim Questions for 4's, 5's & K:**

1. **What miracle did Jesus do with mud on a man's eyes?** (*Jesus healed the blind man's eyes so that he could see.*)
2. **Did the healed man believe that Jesus was sent from God?** (*Yes. He believed and worshipped Jesus.*)
3. **What makes Jesus like a good shepherd?** (*Jesus takes care of His people and gives His life for them, just like a good shepherd takes care of his sheep.*)
4. **Did the healed blind man listen to Jesus' words and follow Him?** (*Yes. Say the memory verse.*)
5. **Did the religious leaders follow Jesus like a sheep follows a shepherd?** (*No. They were not Jesus' sheep because they did not listen to Jesus' words nor follow Him.*)
6. **Do you want to be one of Jesus' sheep?**

**Key for symbols:**

- This box symbol represents ideas that can be used for two-year-olds through kindergarten. Please remember to slow down the pace for two-year-olds and keep the pace moving for five-year-olds.
- ② This symbol represents ideas that are best used for two- and three-year-olds.
- ④ This symbol represents ideas that are best used for four-year-olds through kindergarten.

**Hook:**

- Mud Making Center:** Materials needed: one small box of instant chocolate pudding mix for each group, the recommended amount of milk, a bowl, a mixing spoon or whip, small individual bowls or plates, plastic spoons, and a vinyl tablecloth. Wash the children's hands with wipes and then encourage their participation in helping the leader to mix up the chocolate pudding. After it is finished, have one of the children help serve it to the others in his group. They can eat their pudding

while the leader talks about another one of Jesus' miracles involving mud. The chocolate pudding reminds us of mud, but it is okay to eat pudding. Mud is made from dirt and water, and we don't eat dirt. In today's Bible Adventure, Jesus will use mud to heal a blind man.

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- Shepherd and Sheep Visit:** Invite a farmer that raises sheep to visit the class and tell the children what sheep are really like and what his job is like. If possible, a live lamb would be fun for the children.
- Good Shepherd: (JHN06ECGF4)** Provide crayons or washable marker pens for the children to color the GF4 picture while the leader talks about what a shepherd is. The following ideas can be used in the discussion: A shepherd takes care of his sheep by leading them to good grass and water. He protects them from wild animals that want to eat the sheep. The shepherd talks to his sheep so that they know his voice. The shepherd rescues his sheep if they fall down a hillside. A shepherd counts his sheep and knows which ones are his. The shepherd puts the sheep in a pen at night to keep them safe. If a sheep puppet is available, the leader can use it during this discussion time.
- Shepherd's Hook Center:** Bring a walking cane or hook to class. Scatter stuffed animals around the play area, and with masking tape, mark a square on the floor to represent a sheep pen. Give the children turns moving the stuffed animals into the pen for the night by only using the cane. Sometimes shepherds use a staff to help guide their sheep to where they want them to go. In today's Bible Adventure, Jesus tells the people that He is like a shepherd and guides the people who listen and want to follow Him.
- Blind Activity Center:** In today's Bible Adventure, Jesus does another miracle and heals a blind man. The man could not see until he obeyed Jesus. Set up a work area at a table that includes toy dishes, beans or rice, and a tablecloth. One child at a time can try to pour the rice from one container into another while the leader covers his eyes. Allow everyone to have a turn. If time permits, have each child perform two tasks in a row, such as pouring the rice and stirring it, with his eyes covered.
- Lamb Puppet Discussion:** Introduce a lamb puppet and ask him questions about how his shepherd takes care of him and what it is like to be a lamb. Information to include should be as follows: A shepherd feeds or finds food, protects from wild animals, rescues from deep holes, cares for hurts and seeks lost sheep. A lamb can tell his shepherd by his voice and follows when called. A lamb does not see very far and needs his shepherd. He is guided into the fold at night to be protected from other wild animals.
- Fuzzy Playdough Sheep:** Make fuzzy sheep by first rolling the playdough out flat and cutting out circles with a doughnut cutter, using small circles for the heads of sheep. Roll small amounts of dough into a thin pencil shape and break the strips apart for legs. Add fuzz by pushing the dough through a potato ricer. Place the sheep in a fold for the night!
- Shepherds Care for their Sheep Coloring Sheet: (JHN06ECGF6)** Let children color the sheet as you talk about what a shepherd does for his sheep.
- ④ **Tape the Shirt on the Child:** Draw a simple shape of a child on a piece of newsprint and hang it on the wall. Add the face and hair with markers. Blindfold children and let them tape (double stick tape) a shirt (cut out of construction paper) on the child. Talk about how hard it is to do simple tasks if you cannot see. The Bible Adventure story will introduce to them a person who was born blind.
- ④ **Shepherd and Sheep Match Game: (JHN06ECGF6)** Using two sets of GF6 pictures, cut apart the pictures and play a match game by turning them over and trying to find the matching picture.



### **Book:**

#### ***Presentation Ideas -***

- Color and mount the **JHN06ECGF1, JHN06ECGF2, JHN06ECGF3, JHN06ECGF4,** and **JHN06ECGF5** pictures on construction paper. Show them as you tell the Bible Adventure. Save the pictures and use them for review as you continue through the gospel of John.

(*Show the GF1 picture.*) As Jesus walked along one Sabbath Saturday, He saw a blind man beside the road. Jesus picked up dirt in His hand, put saliva on the dirt to make mud, and then put the mud on the blind man's eyes.

Jesus said to the blind man, "Go and wash your eyes in the pool." The man obeyed Jesus, went to the pool and washed, and when he came back, his eyes were able to see. He could see the sun. He could see the trees. He could see the houses, and he could see people. What a powerful miracle! Jesus really was the Son of God.

The man's neighbors said, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg for money?" Some of the neighbors said, "Yes, he is the same man." Others said, "No, he only looks like the man."

The man himself said, "I am the same man. Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to the pool and wash. I went and washed, and now I can see."

(*Show the GF2 picture.*) When the Pharisee leaders heard that the man had been healed, they called the man in to find out what had happened. The healed man told the leaders, "Jesus put mud on my eyes, then told me to go wash my eyes, and now I can see. Jesus is a prophet."

The religious leaders said, "We don't believe that this man was blind from birth. Bring his parents here to us."

(*Show the GF3 picture.*) When the man's parents arrived, the religious leaders said, "Is this your son? Was he born blind? How is it that now he can see?"

The parents said, "This is our son, and we know he was born blind. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him yourself. He is old enough to tell you."

(*Show the GF2 picture again.*) The religious leaders brought the man back and said to him, "Tell us again how Jesus opened your eyes."

The man said, "I already told you and you did not listen. Jesus is from God because He can make a blind man see."

After the man had left the synagogue, Jesus found him and said, "I am the Son of God. Do you believe in Me?" The man knelt before Jesus and said, "Lord, I do believe that You are the Son of God."

(*Show the GF4 picture.*) Jesus spoke to the people standing around Him and said, "I am the good shepherd, and I take good care of My sheep. This healed man is one of My sheep because he heard My words and followed Me. I have other people who will listen to My voice and will follow Me. I will love and take care of the people who follow Me."

Many people believed that Jesus was the good shepherd sent from God. They became part of His "flock of sheep." They listened to all His words and followed Him, just like a sheep listens to its shepherd and follows him.

I am one of Jesus' sheep because I listen to Jesus' words and want to obey them. Every day I want to listen to Jesus' words in the Bible because I love His voice.

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be our shepherd. Help us want to listen to Your words in the Bible. Help us want to love and obey them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Bible Adventure for 4's, 5's & K-**

(*Show the review JHN05ECGF2 picture of Jesus teaching in the temple courts.*) As people listened to Jesus teach from the Old Testament Scriptures, some people believed that He was the teacher sent from God, and some people did not want to believe.

(*Show the GF1 picture.*) As Jesus walked along one Sabbath Saturday, He saw a blind man beside the road. Jesus' disciples asked Him, "Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus said, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but he is blind so that God's power will be shown to the people around him." Having said this, Jesus picked up dirt in His hand, put saliva on the dirt to make mud, and put the mud on the blind man's eyes.

Jesus said to the blind man, "Go and wash your eyes in the Pool of Siloam." The man obeyed Jesus, went to the pool and washed, and when he came back, his eyes were able to see. He could see the sun. He could see the trees. He could see the houses, and he could see people. What a powerful miracle! Jesus really was the Son of God.

The man's neighbors said, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg for money?" Some of the neighbors said, "Yes, he is the same man." Others said, "No, he only looks like the man."

The man himself said, "I am the same man. Jesus made mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. I went and washed, and now I can see."

(*Show the GF2 picture.*) When the Pharisee leaders heard that the man had been healed on the Sabbath, they were angry. They called the man in to find out what had happened. The healed man told the leaders, "Jesus put mud on my eyes, then told me to go wash my eyes, and now I can see. He is a prophet."

The religious leaders said, "We don't believe that this man was blind from birth. Bring his parents here to us."

*(Show the GF3 picture.)* When the man's parents arrived, the religious leaders said, "Is this your son? Was he born blind? How is it that now he can see?"

The parents did not want to upset the religious leaders, so they said, "We know he is our son, and we know he was born blind. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him yourself. He is old enough to tell you."

*(Show the GF2 picture again.)* The religious leaders brought the man back and said to him, "Jesus is not from God because He does not keep the Sabbath. Tell us again how He opened your eyes."

The man said, "I already told you and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become Jesus' disciples?"

That made the religious leaders really angry. They said, "God spoke to Moses, but we don't believe that God spoke to Jesus. We follow Moses, not Jesus."

The man said, "Nobody has ever heard of an ordinary man opening the eyes of a man born blind. Jesus is from God or he wouldn't be able to make a blind man see."

The Pharisees became even more angry and threw the man out of the synagogue. Jesus found the man and said to him, "I am the Son of Man. Do you believe in Me?" The man knelt before Jesus and worshipped Him. He said, "Lord, I do believe that You are the Son of God."

*(Show the GF4 picture.)* Jesus spoke to the people standing around Him and said, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd protects his sheep from the wolves that are attacking the sheep even if he gets hurt instead. When a shepherd speaks to his sheep, the sheep know his voice. They follow their own shepherd's voice, but they will never follow another shepherd's voice. They will run away from a stranger's voice. Sheep will only follow their own shepherd's voice that they recognize.

"I am the good shepherd. I know which people will listen to My voice and follow Me. This healed man is one of My sheep because he heard My words and worshipped Me. I have other people who will listen to My voice when I call them. I will lay down My life for these people, like a shepherd gives his life to protect his sheep."

A few weeks later, some Jews who did not want to believe in Jesus came to Jesus and said, "If you are the Christ sent from God, tell us plainly."

Jesus said, "I did tell you, but you do not want to believe because you are not My sheep. My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. *(Make a fist with your hand.)* No one can snatch them out of My hand. I will protect them with My life. *(Make a fist with your other hand.)* No one can snatch them out of My Father God's hand."

Some people became very angry at Jesus and picked up stones to throw at Him. He escaped because it wasn't yet time for Him to lay down His life, like a shepherd gives his life for his sheep.

Many people believed that Jesus was the good shepherd sent from God. They became part of His "flock of sheep." They listened to all His words and obeyed them, just like a sheep listens to its shepherd and follows.

I am one of Jesus' sheep because I listen to Jesus' words and want to obey them. Every day I want to listen to Jesus' words in the Bible because I love His voice.

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be our shepherd. Help the children in this class want to listen to Jesus' words in the Bible. Help them want to love and obey them. In Jesus' name, Amen.



### Look:



**Snacks:** Place a leader at each table and see if the children can watch the leader and eat and drink at the same time he does. This can get silly but tell the children that we should want to follow Jesus the same way by doing all that He has asked us to do. For today's snack, give the children little "bales of hay" (shredded wheat or frosted mini wheat). Tell them what sheep eat and remind them that sheep follow their shepherd's voice so that they don't get lost. We stay close to our parents so that we don't get lost. We listen to Bible stories because the words in the Bible are God's words to us.



**Aim Questions:** Write the Aim Questions on cutouts of sheep and hide the questions around the room before class time. You might include several with the memory verse on it so that more children can find one. After the Bible Adventure, have a child go look for the lost sheep. The teacher can help by telling him whether he is getting close to finding the next question. Or, five children can be sent out at the same time to look for the lost sheep, and when they bring the sheep

back to the circle, the questions are asked in order. Instruct the children to make noises as if being a shepherd, calling their sheep, while they hunt for them. Making funny noises will make for more laughs!

**Scripture Verse Review:** Use a sheep hand puppet and have the children repeat after the puppet the verse: Jesus said. . . "I am the Good Shepherd. . . My sheep listen to My voice. . . I know them. . . and they know me."

**Thumbprint Sheep: (JHN06ECGF7)** Give each child a GF7 page. Let the children use a washable ink pad and to add their thumbprint sheep to the picture. They can add ears to hear and legs to follow with a marker or pencil. Talk about us being sheep that follow our shepherd, Jesus, by listening to Him and obeying His word.

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**Jesus and the Sheep Game: (JHN06ECGF4, JHN06ECGF5, JHN06ECGF8, and JHN06ECGF9)** Make your own pasture that has a shepherd and sheep by securing a large green posterboard (or green butcher paper) to the wall. Write today's memory verse on it. Tape a GF4 shepherd and a GF9 picture of Jesus on the board. Give each child a GF8 sheep with one of the disciples' faces on it. The disciples listened to Jesus' voice and followed Him just as a sheep hears and follows his own shepherd's voice. Let the children tape their sheep to the green pasture, saying the name of the disciple as they tape. Then give each of the children a GF8 sheep and let him write his or her own name on the sheep. Put a piece of double-sided tape on the back and have each child tape his sheep on the pasture by Jesus if he wants to listen to Jesus' words and follow Him. As the child moves toward the poster to place the sheep, all the children can repeat the memory verse from John 10:27. Sing this week's verse from "Jesus Is" (see the Song section).

**"Know Your Shepherd" Game:** Divide the children into four groups and have them sit at four tables around the room. The teacher will give each group a special "call" to remember. When they hear their "call," they can get up and walk around the room until they hear it a second time and then they must return to their chairs and wait. The four "calls" a teacher could use might be a horn, clicker, whistle, drum, etc. To start, signal only one table of children to move around the room at a time. After that, try two tables. Remind them to sit back down the second time they hear their signal. Each table should be either full or empty at any given time. Just as you listen to your "call" from the teacher, Jesus' sheep listen to His voice in the Bible and obey Him.

**Blind Visitor:** Invite a blind person to class to talk about being blind. Some questions to ask him or her could be: How long have you been blind? Can you see any light at all? What special tools or aids do you use to help you to "see"? Do you miss not being able to do certain things? How does your sense of smell and hearing help you know what is happening around you?

**"Eyes and Ears" Large Muscle Activity:** The blind man could not see with his eyes, but he listened to Jesus' voice with his ears. He believed in Jesus with his mind, and worshipped Jesus in his heart. First Jesus made him well in his eyes, and when the man believed in Jesus, he became well in his heart. He began to follow his shepherd! Sing "Eyes and Ears" (see the Song section) with the hand motions.

**Goat, Goat, Sheep:** Play this game as you would the game "Duck, Duck, Goose." A child taps a child (who is sitting in the circle of children on the floor) on his head and says, "Goat, goat, sheep." The one tapped as a sheep gets up and follows the leader around, trying to tag him before he lands in the vacant spot in the circle. The children can "baa" as they run.

④ **Follow Your Teacher:** As children move to their tables for snack or Took time, have the teacher at each table to call his/her children with a certain noise. Each teacher makes up his own noise. Discuss how sheep know and follow their shepherd. Discuss that Jesus is our shepherd and that when we hear His voice in the Bible, we follow it.

④ **Role Play:** Two teachers can role play a situation where one is caring and loving while the other is gruff and mean. It could be a situation on the play ground when a child is hurt while playing on a swing. Talk about what kind of shepherd Jesus is for His people. He is loving, caring, gentle, kind, and firm. He is the opposite of a mean, harsh, loud, and angry shepherd.

④ **Bible Verse:** Introduce the memory verse as being Jesus' words or "voice" for us to listen to, follow, and obey. Use the following hand motions with the verse: In John 10:27, Jesus said (*Point up to heaven*), "My sheep listen to My voice (*Cup your hands behind your ears*), I know them (*Point to*

yourself), and they follow Me (*Walk in place or wiggle your fingers as if they are walking*)." After learning the verse, divide the group of children in half with each group standing along a wall opposite facing each other. One group says the first half of the verse; then the other group says the rest of the verse. Together, they say where it is found in John 10:27.

- ④ **Follow the Shepherd Activity:** Let one child pretend to be a shepherd. Place a large piece of fabric or blanket over him as if wearing a shepherd's robe, and give him a cane. The other children follow his instructions for crossing over a pretend river, a boulder, swimming in a river, climbing a tree, taking a nap, eating a snack, etc. Let several children have turns being the shepherd.

### Songs:

**Memory Verse Song, John 10:27** (tune: "B-I-N-G-O")

My shee-eeep listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me,  
And they follow Me, and they follow Me, and they follow Me.  
I know them and they follow Me.

(For four-year-olds through kindergarten)

My shee-eeep listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me,  
I give them eternal life, they shall never perish,  
And no one can ever snatch them out of My-y hand.

**Memory Verse Song, John 10:27** (tune: "Who Did Swallow Jonah?")

"My sheep listen to My voi-ice; I know them, they follow Me-e.  
"My sheep listen to My voi-ice; I know them, they follow Me-e.  
"My sheep listen to My voi-ice; I know them, they follow Me-e.  
"And they follow Me-e, And they follow Me,  
"My sheep listen to My voice."

(For four-year-olds through kindergarten)

"My sheep listen to My voi-ice; I know them, they follow Me-e.  
"My sheep listen to My voi-ice; I know them, they follow Me-e.  
"I give them eternal life and they shall never pe-eri-ish;  
"And no one can snatch them, and no one can snatch them  
"Ou-out o-of My-y hand."

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**Eyes and Ears** (tune: "Head and Shoulders")

Eyes and ears and mind and heart,	(Touch your eyes, ears, head, and heart.)
Mind and heart, mind and heart.	(Touch your head and heart.)
Eyes and ears and mind and heart	(Touch your eyes, ears, head, and heart.)
All belong to Jesus.	(Stretch your arms out wide.)

**Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us; Much we need thy ten-der care.  
In thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use thy fold pre-pare.  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
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**I Just Wanna Be a Sheep, Baa, Baa**

I just wanna be a sheep, baa, baa.  
I just wanna be a sheep, baa, baa.  
'Cuz they will keep, baa, baa.

I just wanna be a sheep, baa, baa.

- “Jesus Is” Theme Song** (tune: “Here Comes Peter Cottontail”) Jesus is the Son of God; He has come from up above. God has sent His one and only Son. If we will believe in Him, if we love and follow Him, He will give us everlasting life.

(Verse six)

Jesus shepherds all His sheep, those who listen, He will keep.

(Repeat the last three lines from the first verse.)



### Took:

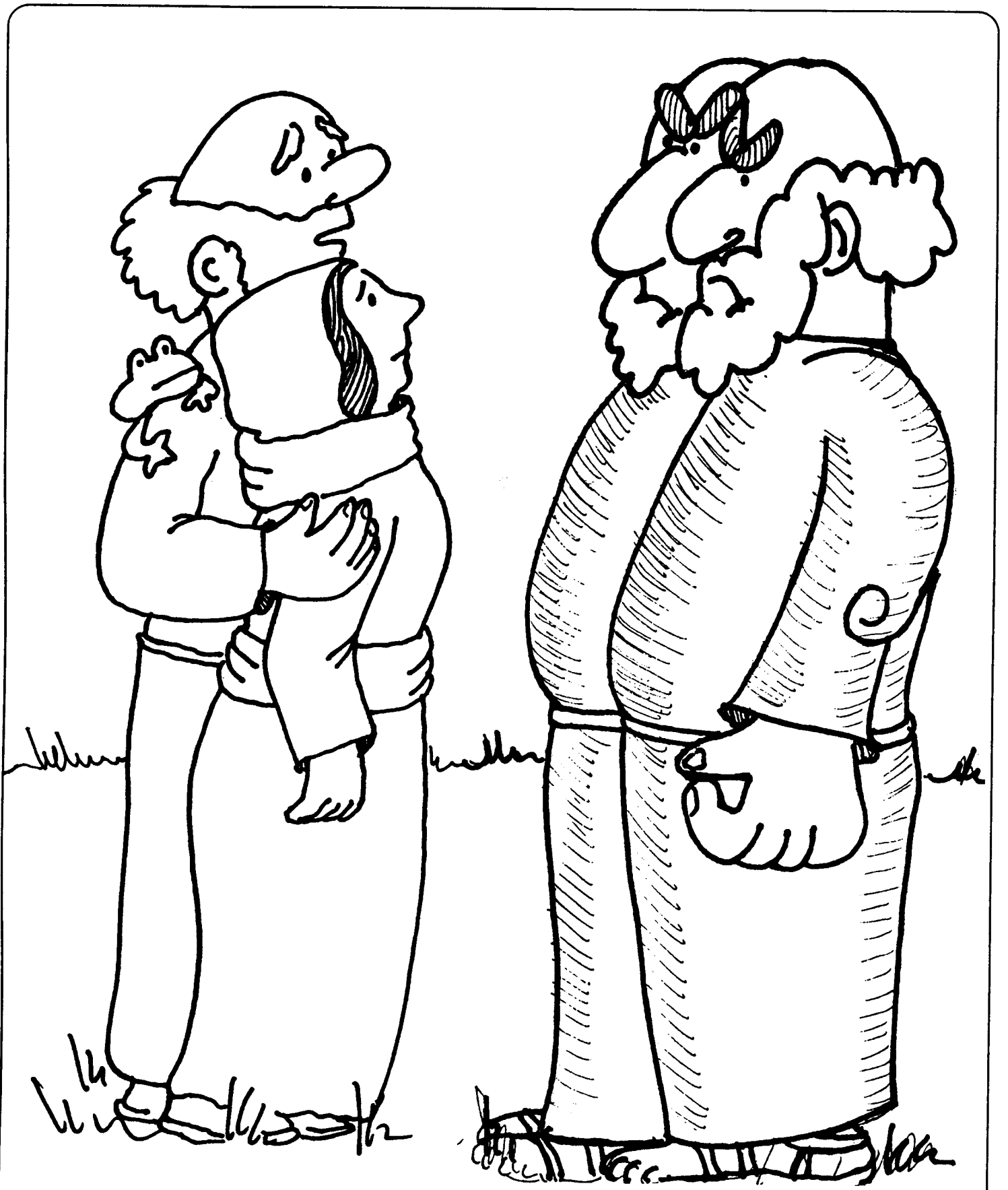
- Sheep Necklace: (JHN06ECGF10)** Lace the verse circles onto a length of yarn with the sheep in the middle and fruitloops in between. Recite the verse together as the children make their necklaces.
- Child Sliding Toward Jesus: (JHN06ECGF11 and JHN06ECGF12)** Cut one GF12 picture of children for each child in the class and glue it to a tongue depressor. Let the children color their children and the GF11 picture of Jesus and the Pharisees. Cut along the dotted line and slide the children towards Jesus as they listen and follow Him. Ask the children, “Who do you want to follow?” Christians are God’s sheep who listen to Jesus’ words in the Bible and want to obey them.
- Preschool Page for Parents: (JHN06ECPPP)** Send a page home with each child, encouraging parents to take advantage of the reinforcement of Bible truths that can happen at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the song and memory verse.
- ④ **“A Family that Loves God Follows Him” Mobile: (JHN06ECGF14)** Let the children color their pictures of Jesus and sheep. Cut around the figure of Jesus and tape it to the end of a string of yarn. Then, cut out as many sheep as there are members of their individual families and let the children tape their sheep to their strings of yarn. The older children can write their own names on one of the sheep, and with assistance, they can write mommy, daddy, and their siblings’ names. As the children pull their families of sheep following Christ, they can review the memory verse and sing one of the weekly lesson songs (see Song section). The children can take this home to share with their families.
- ④ **Bookmark Sheep: (JHN06ECGF13)** For each child, you will need one plastic yogurt lid (quart size), a pair of scissors, and dimensional paint to share. Trace around the GF13 sheep onto each lid. Cut the sheep out, making sure there are four legs of equal length. The legs hook around the page of a book and can be used as a bookmark for the children’s own Bibles. Decorate the sheep with paint to give the sheep eyes, a nose, and curly wool. To hear our Shepherd’s voice, we must read His Word, the Bible.



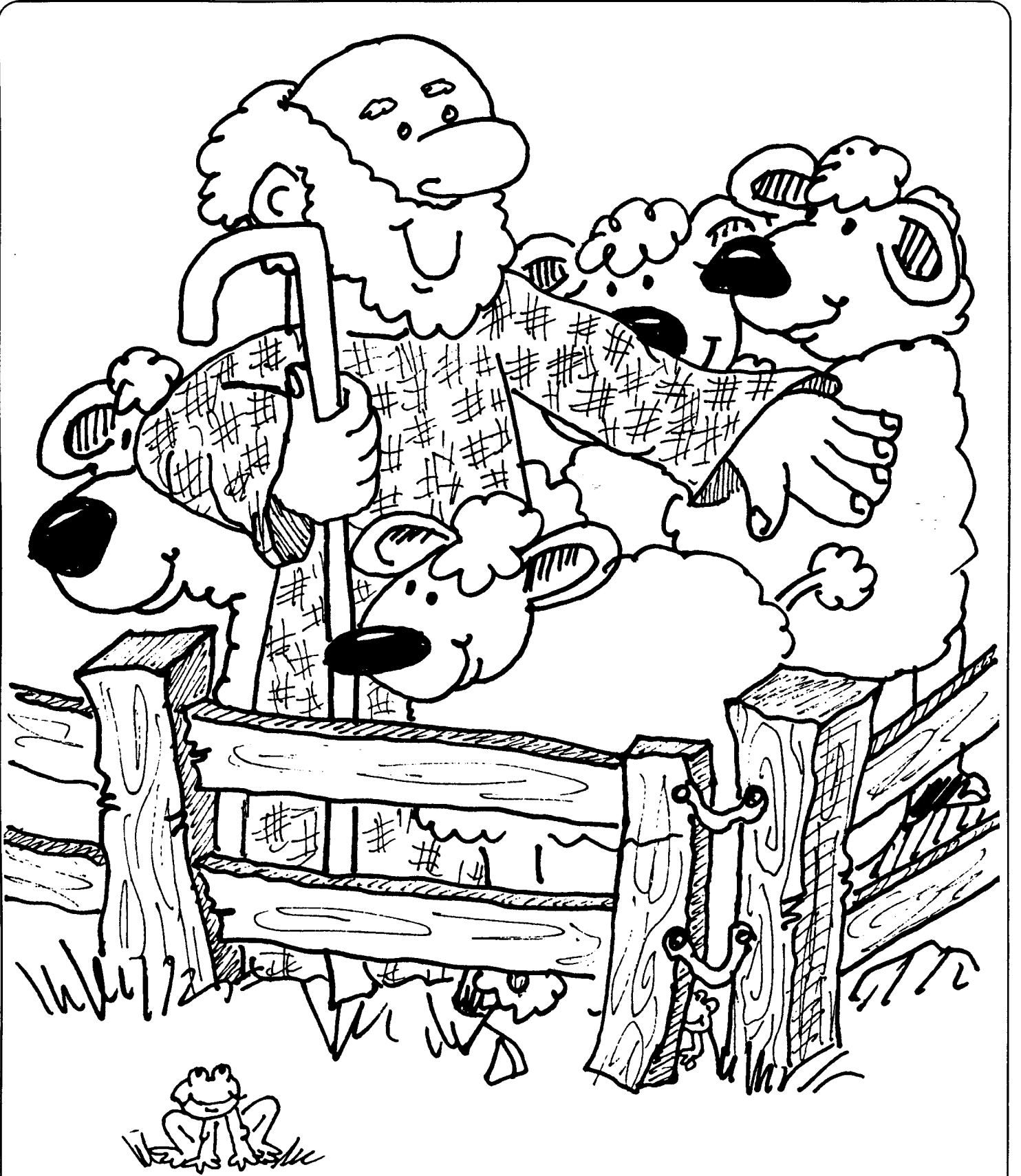
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The Pharisees were angry when they heard the man's story.



The man's parents told the Pharisees that their son had been healed.

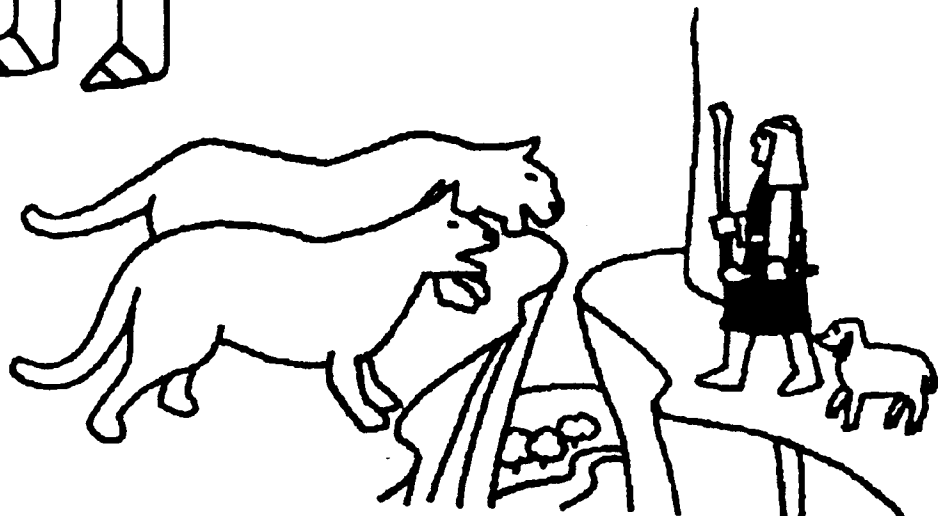


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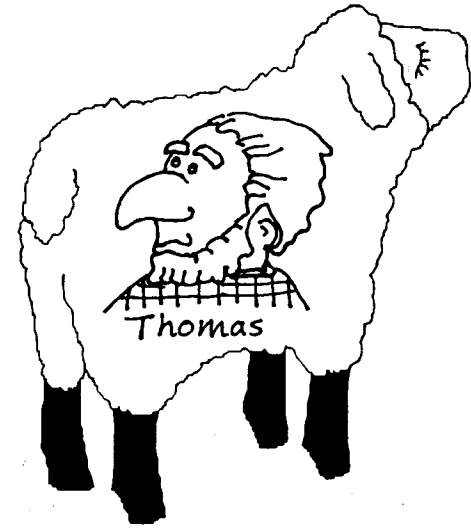
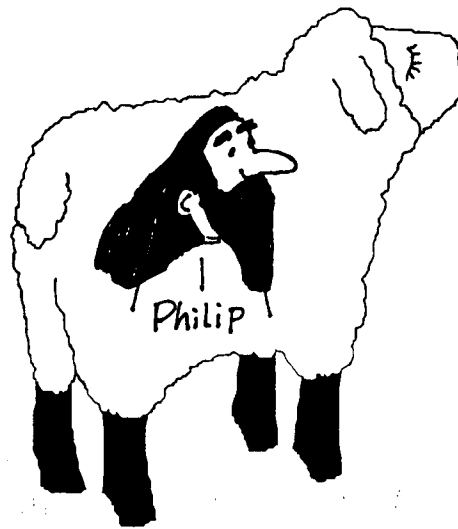
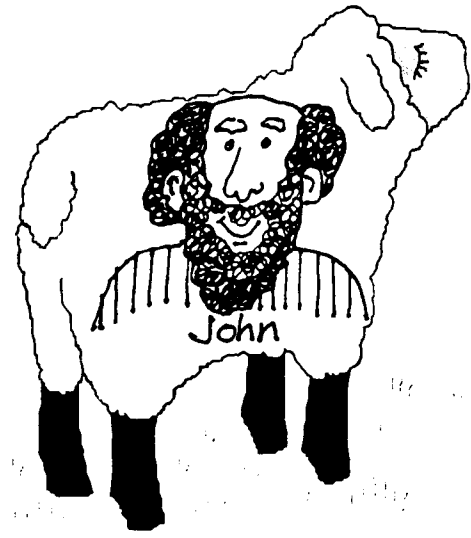
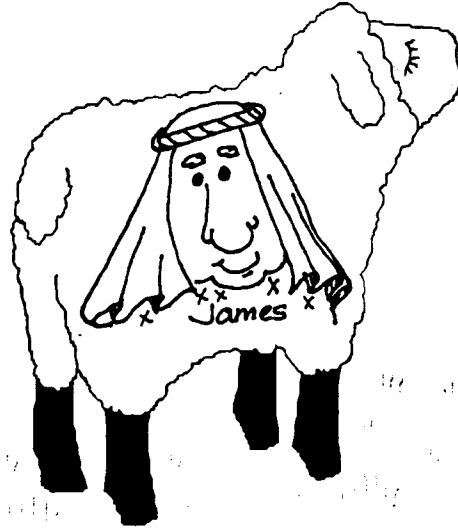
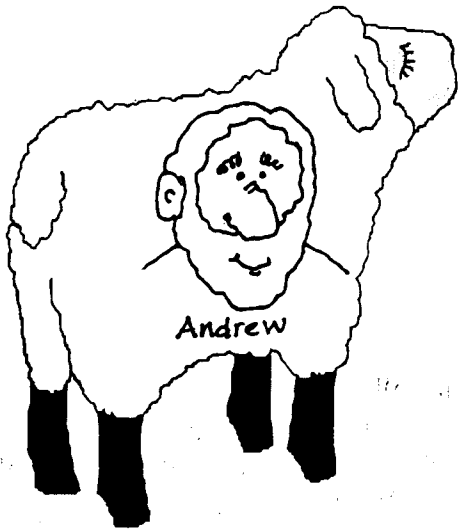


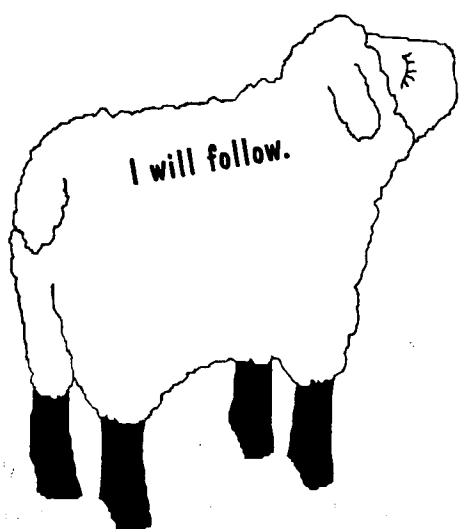
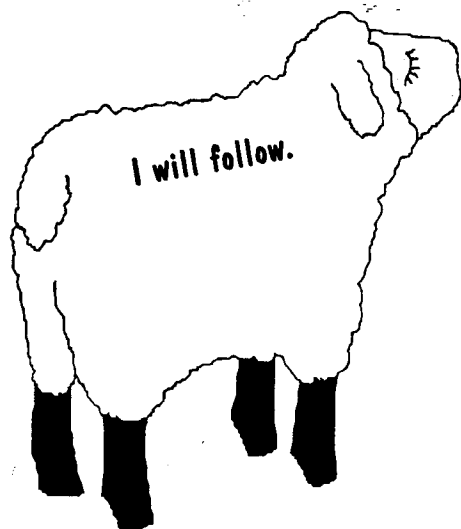
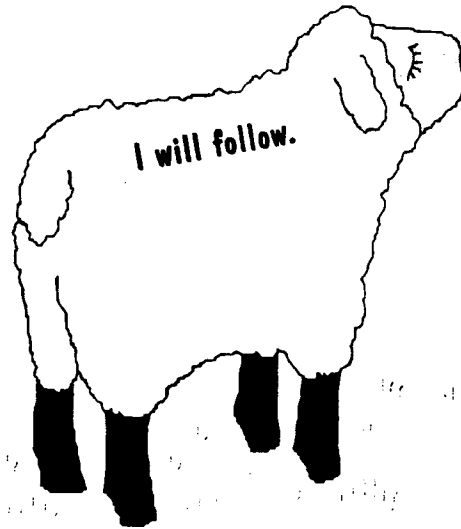
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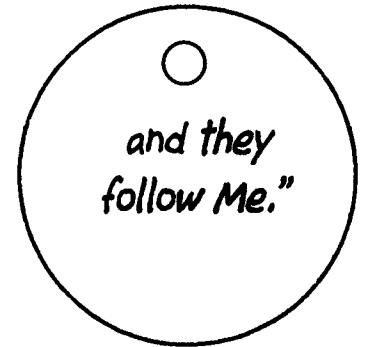
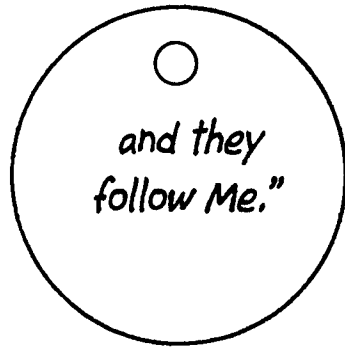
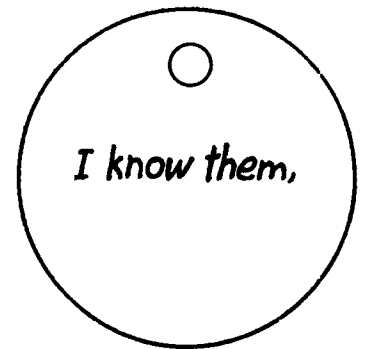
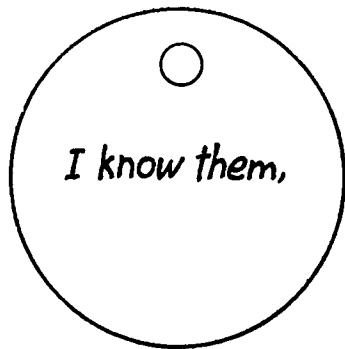
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John 10:27

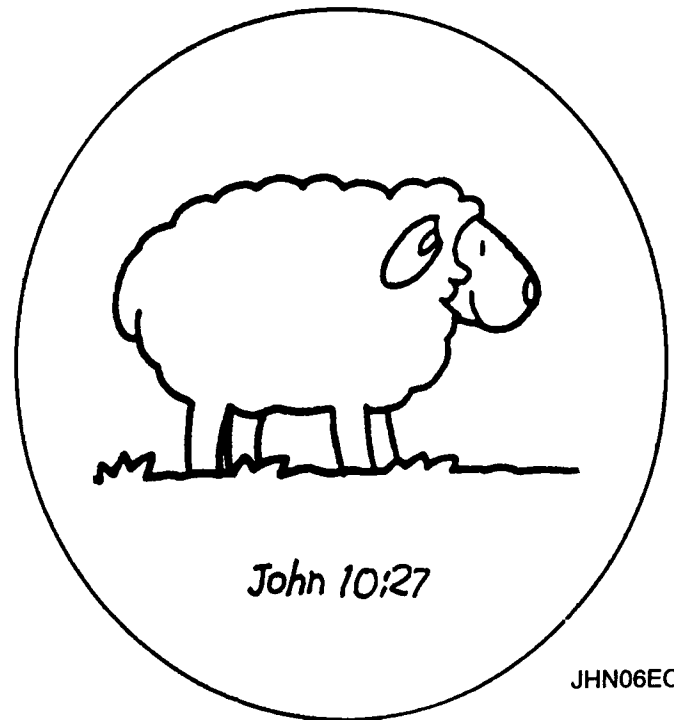
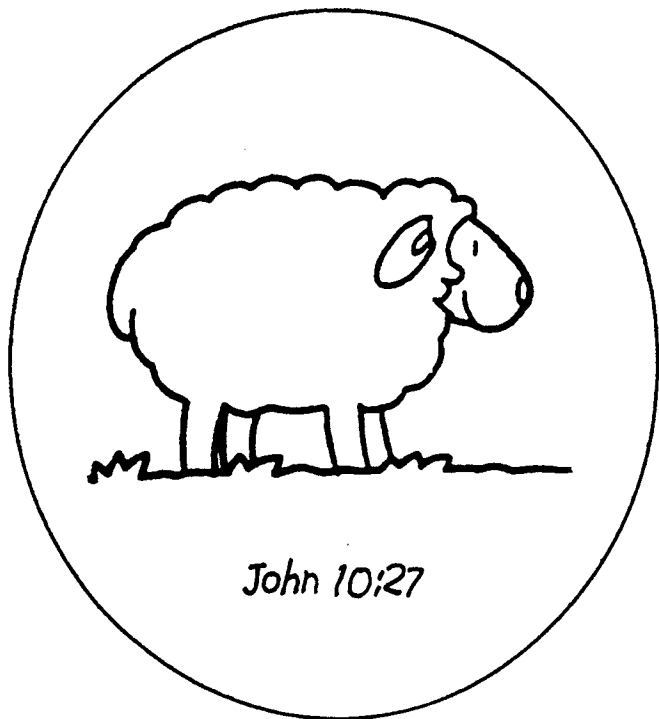








Sheep  
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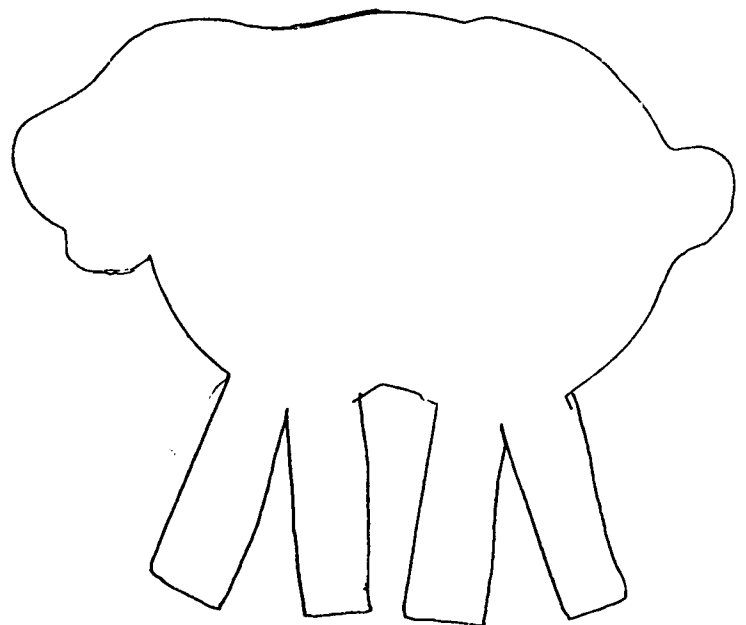
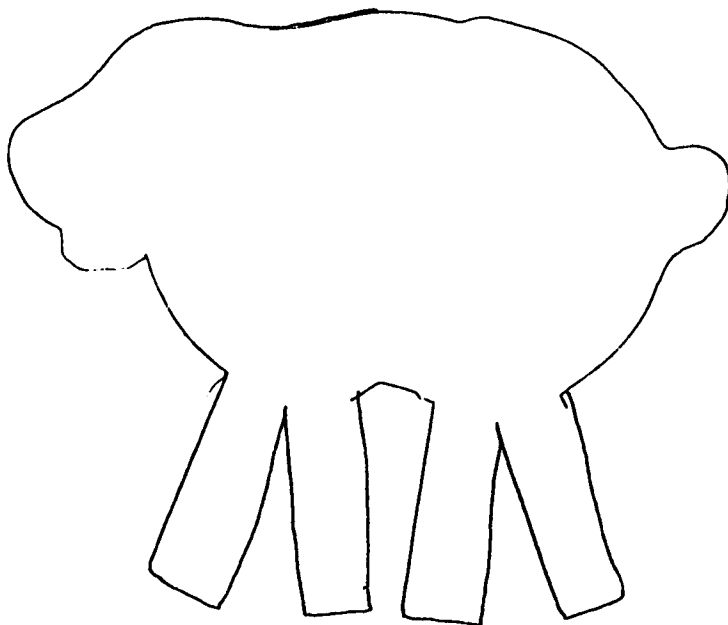
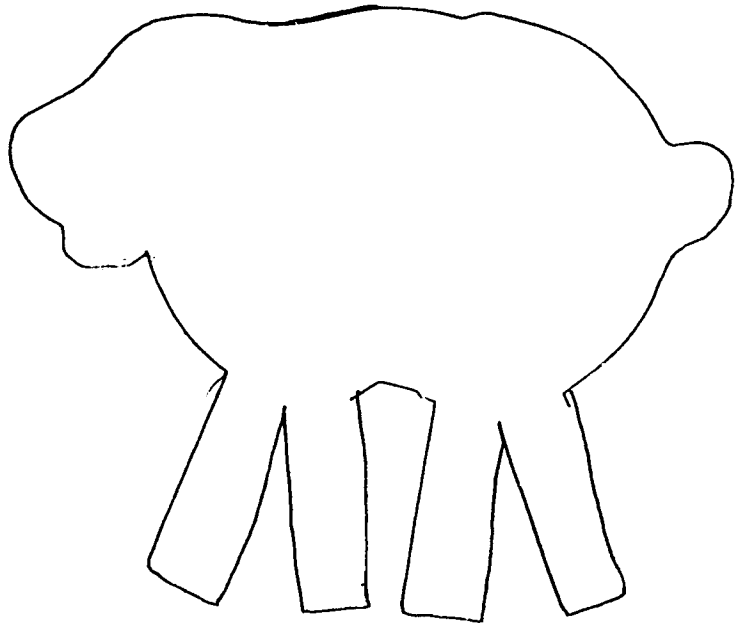
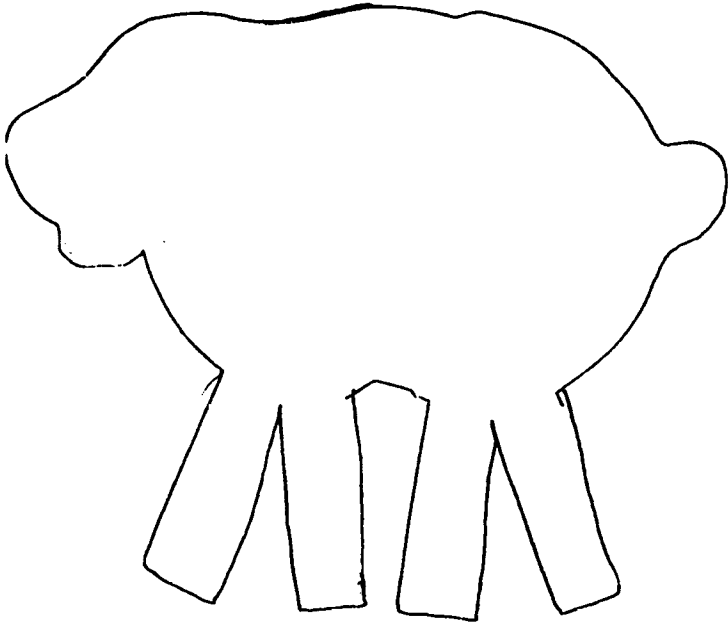
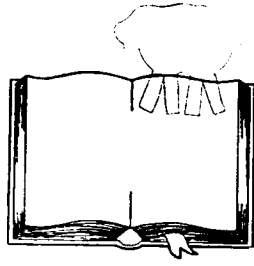


Jesus said, "My sheep listen to My voice;  
I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27

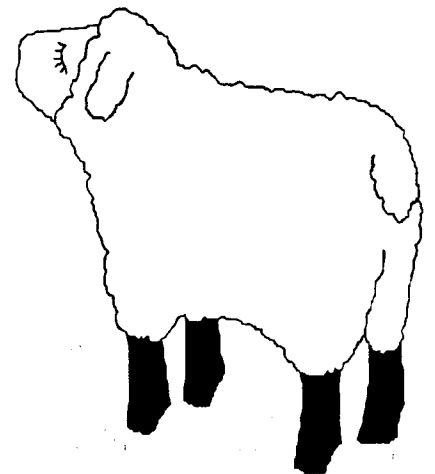
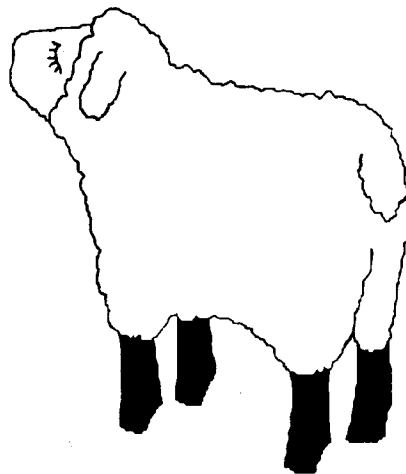
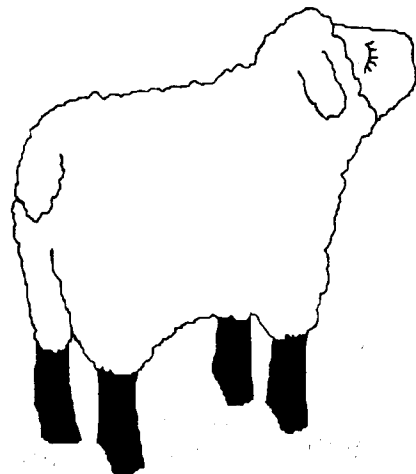
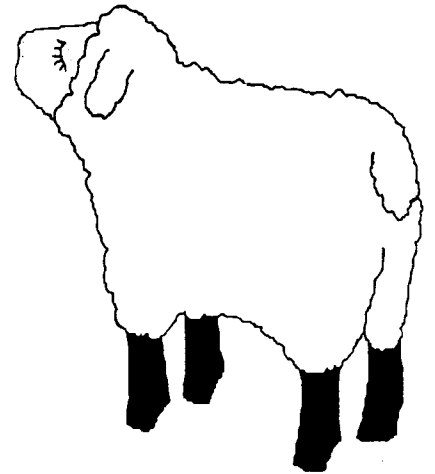
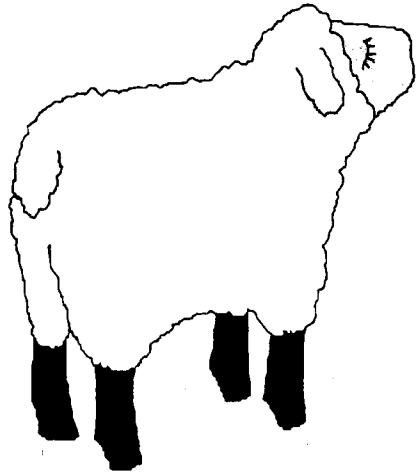
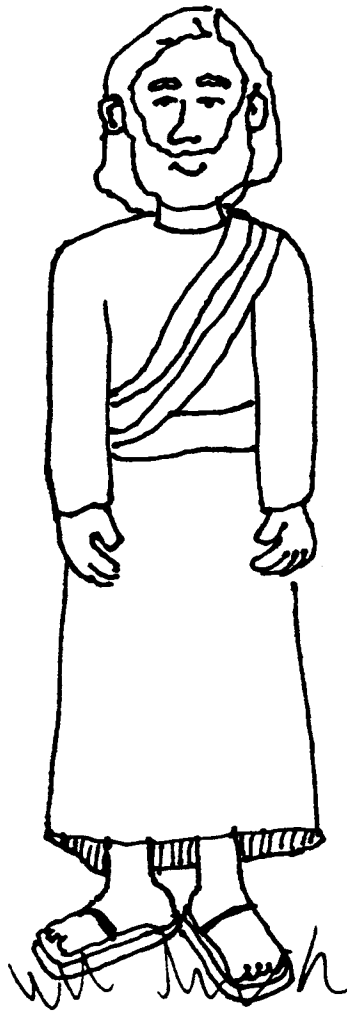
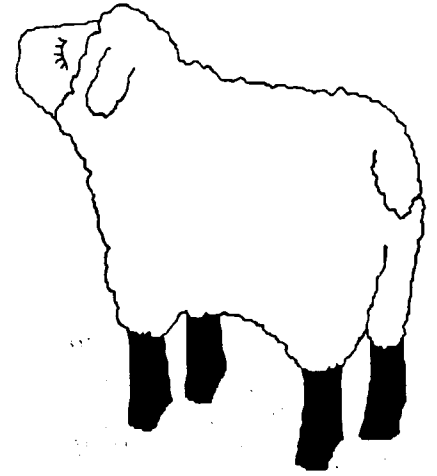
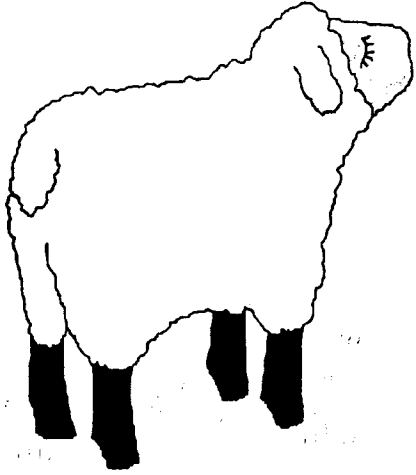




# Bookmark Sheep



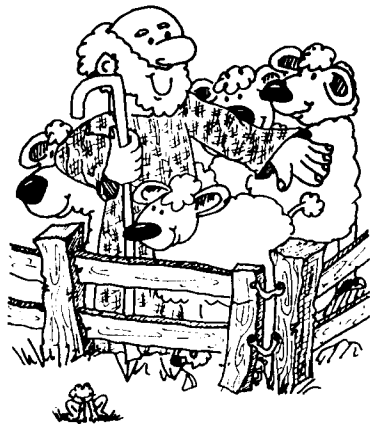
A family that loves God follows Jesus.



# Preschool Page for Parents

Extended Bible School Training in the Home

December 12, 1999  
John Chapters 9-10



## This is what I learned today!

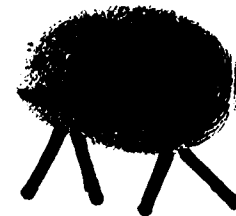
Today we learned that Jesus is the good shepherd who takes good care of His "sheep." Jesus saw a blind man by the road and put mud on his eyes. Jesus told him to go and wash his eyes, and when he did, he could see! Jesus told the people around Him, "I am the good shepherd, and I take good care of My sheep." The healed man became one of Jesus' sheep because he listened, believed, and obeyed Jesus' voice.

### Today's Memory Verses:

(2's & 3's) My sheep listen to My voice;  
I know them, and they follow Me."

(4's & 5's) My sheep listen to My voice;  
I know them, and they follow Me."  
I give them eternal life,  
and they shall never perish.  
John 10:27

## Thumbprint Sheep



Let your children make "sheep" by pushing their thumbs into mud (or chocolate pudding or an ink pad) and then blotting them on the picture on the back side of this sheet. Let the mud dry before drawing ears, legs, and tails on the sheep.

After Jesus put mud on the man's eyes and healed him, he became one of Jesus' followers. Talk with your children about how we listen to our Shepherd Jesus' voice and what it means to follow Him.

Sing this week's verse to our theme song.

### "Jesus Is," Theme Song

(tune: "Here Comes Peter Cottontail")

Jesus is the Son of God; He has come from up above.  
God has sent His one and only Son.  
If we will believe in Him, if we love and follow Him,  
He will give us everlasting life.

(Verse six)

Jesus shepherds all His sheep;  
Those who listen, He will keep.

(Repeat the last three lines from the first verse.)



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Jesus healed the blind man who became one of Jesus' followers ("sheep").