

NB: prepare the sheep balloons and hide the lost sheep before the lesson begins

Activity	Materials
<p>Warm up / welcome game: Lost sheep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am so glad you are here, I have been looking everywhere and I can't find my sheep. Do you know what sheep look like? <legs, ears, eyes, wool, noises> Somewhere in this room are (2 or 3) sheep ... do you think you could help me find them? <give clues we are getting closer, we are getting further away...> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 or 3 small toy sheep (eg plastic or soft toys)
<p>Attention grabber:: Mystery animal bag</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have a special bag full of animals here ... I wonder if you can guess what animal I am holding? <clues about what I like to eat / what sounds I make> Last of all – the sheep – there is a sheep in our Bible story today 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bag or pillowcase variety of toy animals
<p>Story and question time: The lost sheep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does anyone know what you call someone who looks after sheep? <farmer / shepherd> There are a lot of sheep in our story today – I will need everyone to help me ... can you be a sheep please? <hand out sheep templates, practice making sheep noises> Using pictures or a book tell the story of the lost sheep 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheep templates on cardboard eg. The Lost Sheep by Butterworth and Inkpen
<p>Activity time: shepherding sheep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let's leave all of our sheep here on the table and come and play shepherds Move balloon sheep (very gently) around to get a drink, to find the nice grass, oh no they're thirsty again!!!! It's a lot of work taking care of sheep, God takes care of us just like a shepherd takes care of his sheep. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White balloons Draw on sheep faces Rolled up newspaper shepherds crooks (optional)
<p>Song time: Have you lost your sheep? (Tune: "<i>Baa Baa Black Sheep</i>")</p> <p>Baa Baa shepherd, have you lost your sheep? Yes sir, yes, sir, haven't heard a peep, Ninety-nine are safe and sound, one is lost and can't be found, Baa baa shepherd did you have a look, Yes sir, yes sir, found him with my crook.</p>	
<p>Craft time: Sheep puppets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to the cardboard sheep templates, cut around them Tape on a craft stick to make it into a stick puppet Stick on cotton wool and googly eyes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tape Cotton wool Scissors Glue Googly eyes
<p>Craft time: Grassy collage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you think sheep like to eat? <ice cream, chocolate, pizza, noodles, spaghetti? ... no, they really like to eat nice sweet green GRASS> Let's make a picture of a beautiful paddock of yummy green grass Decorate the page 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheet of green paper Green cellophane pieces Fringed green crepe paper Sheep stickers (optional)
<p>Memory verse: Be kind to one another. Ephesians 4:32</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can you remember our memory verse? Practice saying it and give everyone a sticker for trying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memory verse sheets Stickers
<p>Take home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colouring sheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colouring sheet (p. 65 in Action Heroes 1 teacher's book)

NB: mix and match the activities to suit your students and the materials you have available

Notes:

Familiarizing yourself with the story

- Luke 15
- Matthew 18

Making props

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