

## CITY SG – June 13<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Bible Story:** The Story of the Lost Sheep • *Luke 15:1-7 (supporting 1 Timothy 1:15)*

**Bottom Line:** Jesus made a way for you to be part of God's kingdom.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *"May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven."* • Matthew 6:10 NirV

### PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

**What You Need:** "Find the Sheep" Activity Page (one per kid), Find the Sheep Answer Key" Activity Page (one per bin), Markers

#### **What You Do:**

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each kid a "Find the Sheep" Activity Page and let them pick what they'd like to write with.
- Explain that there are many sheep hidden in the picture. Challenge them to find and circle as many hidden sheep as they can.
- After a few minutes, see who found the most.

**Say:** "In our Bible Story today, Jesus told a story, called a parable, about a shepherd who had 100 sheep, yet left them all when just one sheep got lost. Let's go find out what happened!"

### SMALL GROUP TIME

#### **1. Found Sheep**

*Bible Story Review*

**What You Need:** Bible, Sticky notes, Markers

#### **What You Do:**

- Give each kid a sticky note and something to draw with.
- Ask each kid to draw a sheep on their sticky note.
- Draw a few sheep yourself as well on sticky notes.
- Open the Bible to Luke 15:1-7 and show the kids where the story is in the Bible.
- Review the Bible Story in parts:
  - "There were people who always made good choices who were wondering why Jesus hung out with people who made wrong choices."
  - "Jesus wanted to teach something about God, so He told them a story."
  - "The story was about a shepherd who had 100 sheep, but one got lost!"
  - "The shepherd left the 99 and looked and looked for his lost sheep."
  - "When he found it, he brought it home and was so happy!"
- Collect the sheep, have the kids close their eyes, and randomly place all the sticky note sheep a ways away from your group on the floor.
- Invite one kid at a time to go find their sheep, stick the sheep sticky note to their shoulder, then walk back to the group.

- “The shepherd found his lost sheep! He was so happy!”
- Play again but have all of the kid run to find their sheep all at once and see who gets back to the table first!
- Ask: “Was it hard to find the sheep you drew? (*Pause for responses.*) No matter what, you are important to God! He wants you to come home to Him!”

## 2. Find the Lost Sheep Verse

### *Memory Verse Activity*

**What You Need:** Bibles, “Find the Lost Sheep Verse” Activity Page (one set per small group)

#### **What You Do:**

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
  - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
  - Read the memory verse to the group.
  - “*May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven.*” • Matthew 6:10 NIV
- Show the kids each sheep. Lay them in the center of your area in order, and say the Memory Verse together, pointing to each sheep as you go.
- Say: “Okay, everyone, close your eyes! A sheep is about to get lost!”
- While their eyes are closed, scramble the sheep, then hide one of the sheep in your lap.
- Say: “Okay, open your eyes! Oh no, one of our verse sheep is lost! Which one is missing?”
- Say: “Let’s put the sheep verse in order to help us figure out which sheep is missing.” (*Read the words on each sheep as they are put in order.*)
- Say: “Hmm, that’s kind of hard. Let’s say the whole verse together, and I’ll point to each sheep as we say that part. You can help me discover which sheep is missing.” (*Say the verse, and point to each sheep.*)
- Say: “You figured out which sheep was missing! (*Reveal the sheep from your lap, and place it in the correct spot.*) Yay! You found the missing sheep!”
- If time allows, scramble the sheep cards, hide a different one, and play again.

## 3. Would You Rather?

### *Application Activity*

**What You Need:** No supplies

#### **What You Do:**

- Go around the group and ask each kid one of the “Would you Rather” questions below.
- Ask them why they made that choice.
- Connect to the Bible Story by reading below.

**Say:** “The number 100 was an important part of our Bible story today. The shepherd had 100 sheep, but one was lost. The shepherd left the 99 sheep to go find the one lost sheep. We are all like that one lost sheep in the parable. Every single one of us has made decisions that don’t line up with God and

His ways. That's sin, and it has broken our friendship with God. You are the very, very loved sheep that God went after! God loves you very much!"

**Would You Rather Questions:**

- Would you rather eat 100 jellybeans or 100 M&Ms?
- Would you rather have 100 minutes of outdoor recess or 100 minutes of indoor recess?
- Would you rather do 100 push-ups or 100 jumping jacks?
- Would you rather read 100 books or watch 100 TV shows?
- Would you rather have 100 seconds of brain freeze or step on 100 Legos?
- Would you rather have no homework for 100 days or no chores for 100 days?
- Would you rather have 100 cats or 100 dogs?
- Would you rather eat 100 hot dogs or 100 slices of pizza?
- Would you rather have 100 days of sunshine or 100 days of snow?
- Would you rather be 100 years old or 100 days old?
- Would you rather have 100 high-fives or 100 hugs?
- Would you rather have 100 toes or 100 fingers?
- Would you rather have 100 tiny spiders crawl on you or be chased by 100 bees?

**AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:**

**PRAY**

- Ask, "Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? (*Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises*)"
- "Dear God, thank You for loving us so much. Thank You for being like the shepherd who comes to find us when we're lost. We are so happy that Jesus made a way for us to be part of God's kingdom. Help us share Your love with others this week. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."
- Remind the kids that when they leave, their parents should get a text message on their phones telling them what we learned this week. AND they will get a link to an activity they can do at home and bring back for a PRIZE!

**PARENT PICK UP POINT:** As adults arrive, ask the kids to say our memory verse: Matthew 6:10.