

*When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.*

Program B-1

## Feed My Sheep

John 21:15-17

Peter Series: Lesson #1

Bible Verse: Jesus loves me. Revelation 1:5

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: Jesus loves us. He sends others to care for us.  
Teach others about Jesus.

Prop ideas: Small pet (Be sure to inquire of allergies before bringing into classroom)  
Water, food, shepherd's staff  
Storybook with pictures of sheep & shepherd

### SAMPLE STORY

After Jesus had arisen, he had appeared in different places and times to his disciples and followers. On his third visit with his disciples, after they had caught lots and lots of fish and had breakfast with Jesus, Jesus spoke a special message to Peter.

Peter had always been one of the leaders of the group of disciples. Peter was bold and strong and tough. Jesus asked Peter if he loved him. Peter said, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." He asked Peter again, "Do you love me?" Peter said, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus answered, "Take care of my sheep." For the third time Jesus asked, "Do you love me?" Peter answered, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

Did Jesus have a farm somewhere with sheep and lambs? Did he need Peter to watch the farm when Jesus returned to heaven? NOOOO! When Jesus said lambs and sheep he meant his followers, Christians. Just as a shepherd loves and cares for his lambs and sheep, Jesus wanted Peter to take care of the followers of Jesus. Peter was to teach them all the things that Jesus had taught him.

Did you know that you are a little lamb? All your teachers & ministers at church and your parents at home are your shepherds. Jesus wants us to take care of you by loving you and teaching you about him. He

wants us to teach you what is right and what is wrong and teach you how to follow him. Even though Jesus is not here in body, he sends others to care for and love you.

FYI

Second Session Classes will be:

Making a Sheep Craft  
Singing and Praising  
Playing with Farm Animals Figures

## PAINTING

Materials: Painting Page  
Watercolors  
Paint-brushes  
Cups of water (In room)  
Smocks (Under sinks)

Do: Label pages with children's names before giving them out. Show the children how to wet the brush before rubbing on the watercolor. Remind them to wash out the brush when changing colors.

Talk about: Our picture says, "Jesus loves you!" Isn't that wonderful news? You can tell others that Jesus loves them.

## SHEPHERD COLORING PAGE

Materials: Coloring Page  
Bible Verse Stickers  
Crayons (In room)

Do: Write the children's names on the coloring pages as you give them out. Spread the crayons out for everyone to use. Let them add a bible verse sticker. Say the verse when you give it out. Ask them to repeat the verse.

Talk about: A shepherd cares for his sheep. He keeps them safe and gives them food and water. Jesus cares for us, too.

## BARNYARD TURNOVER

Materials: Farm animal cutouts  
Yarn/string

Do:

- You need one fewer chairs than the number of players.
- Place chairs in a circle (facing in).
- Have everyone but one child sit in a chair.
- Tie a piece of string through each cutout.
- Give each child an animal. **BE SURE TO GIVE OUT AT LEAST 3 DIFFERENT KINDS.** (Passing out equal amount of each is best, but not absolutely necessary).
- Spread them out so that not all the same animals are next to each other.
- Tell the children to look at their animal and remember it.
- Have the child in the middle call out a name of one of the animals.
- Those animals must get up and find another chair. They cannot return to their own chair.
- The child in the middle also tries to find a chair.
- The child without a chair then begins the process again by calling out an animal.

They may need help at first knowing when to get up and move.

Variation: Have the same number of chairs as children.  
You call out animals to either switch chairs or do something funny.  
(Hop across the room, turn in circles, etc.)

Other Games:

London Bridge is Falling Down  
Duck, Duck, Goose  
Red Light, Green Light  
Simon Says  
Mother, May I?