

## **Jesus is the Good Shepherd**

**Scripture Reference:** John 10:1-42

**Scripture Verse:** "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me." John 10:14

**Main Truth:** Jesus takes care of His followers

The past few weeks we have been talking about Jesus' birth and His life when He was growing up as a child. Now we are going back to looking at Jesus' life on earth as an adult man. Jesus had begun His ministry teaching people that He is the Savior of the world because He is God. We just saw how Jesus healed the blind man and the Jewish leaders were angry with him about it. Jesus was sad. He could see that the leaders were not taking care of His people. So Jesus began by teaching them using a story about a good leader, a "good shepherd".

Jesus taught people that He would take good care of them like a good shepherd takes care of His sheep. Jesus knows our names (say each child's name). Jesus calls us, and we follow Him because we love Him. Jesus knows everything about us- everything we think about, everything we do, and everything we need. And Jesus knows just how to take care of us. Jesus protects His people and never leaves them. Jesus said "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me." This is our verse from John 10:14. Jesus knows we are sinners and need Him to save us so He died on the cross so we may have eternal life.

Some people did not believe Jesus was God's son and did not believe that Jesus has the power to save. Jesus told the people they would know He is God's son when they looked at what He did. Jesus healed people. Jesus helped people. Jesus taught people about God. Jesus took good care of His people. Just like a good shepherd Jesus always takes care of His followers.

Questions:

Is the Bible a bunch of stories or is it God's true Word? God's true Word

Who was not taking care of God's people? Jewish leaders

What was the name Jesus gave Himself as their good leader? Good Shepherd

What are things Jesus does that makes Him a good leader? Knows us, calls us, takes care of us, protects His people, never leaves His people, and gives His followers eternal life.

Who takes care of His followers? Jesus

Who can we trust to take care of us? Jesus

Who died on the cross so we may have eternal life? Jesus

What do we have to do to have eternal life? Trust that God sent Jesus to pay for our sins

Infant Story:

Jesus told the people that He is their Good Shepherd.

That means that Jesus takes the best care of us.

Jesus calls us to follow Him.

When we follow Jesus, He always takes care of us and never lets us go.

Jesus loves us so much that He laid down His life so we may live forever with God.

Jesus is our Good Shepherd and will always take care of \_\_\_\_\_ (insert each child's name).

Hymn suggestion: I am Jesus' little lamb