

Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

John 10:1-16, Psalm 23



Family Together Time

Read a verse a day as a family so you can get to know Jesus better.

- Sunday: Matthew 1:23
- Monday: Matthew 16:16
- Tuesday: Mark 1:10-11
- Wednesday: John 1:29
- Thursday: John 4:14
- Friday: John 8:12
- Saturday: John 15:14-15

Today's Attendance

50

Mission Collection Total

\$619.64

PARENTS INFLUENCE CHURCH CONNECTION

In the book, *Choosing Church*, (Westminster John Knox Press) researcher and author Carol Lytch says the majority of youth studied name their parents as the persons who most influence their religious beliefs and practices for better or worse. What's more, Lytch says, "It was evident that the parents' early role of linking the child to the church and teaching the child stories, symbols, and practices had a formative and lasting influence." She goes on to say that it really matters that parents continue to link their children to the church in their teen years. Though enforcing a "church rule" can be tough, Lytch says, "If parents have built a warm family climate over time and attend church themselves, they can persuade teens to continue to stay with the church."

Parents:
You really
matter to
your kids!



THE LESSON:

Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd. He calls his sheep, and they know his voice and follow him. He gives his sheep a rich and satisfying life, and he sacrifices his own life for them. He knows his sheep, and they know him. Read John 10:1-16 and Psalm 23.

THE POINT:

Jesus knows us, so we get to know him.



WATCH THE VIDEO about the different kinds of sheep and how they are cared for. What did you find the most interesting about sheep? Would you like to take care of sheep or be a shepherd? Why/Why not? Why is a shepherd so important for sheep? Jesus is called, "The Good Shepherd." Why is that a great name for Jesus? How are people like sheep? The Bible tells us (and we know from real life) that some sheep/people are not in the sheep pen with the Good Shepherd. They are lost. They are not believers. What could you do to change that if you know some of these "lost sheep?"



Little shepherds herd their sheep (six different colored balls) with special shepherd staffs (hockey sticks) to matching-colored sheep pens in the "Happy Herders" activity during Modified Large Group.