

MEMORY VERSE/BIG IDEA

TODAY'S MEMORY VERSE/BIG IDEA: Show the children the memory verse/big idea and talk about where it comes from (the Bible, the NEW Testament, the book of Luke, God said these words.) Discuss what the verse/big idea means.

(All Ages) "There is joy before God's angels when one sinner changes his heart." Luke 15:10 ICB
[All of Heaven is happy when a person chooses to follow God.]

VERSE MOTIONS

Joy- jump in the air and smile ("jump for joy")

Angels- flap wings like an angel

One sinner- hold up one finger

Heart- hold both hands over your heart

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for showing us the right way to live in the Bible. Please help us to choose to do what you say. We want to follow you and make you happy because you love us and we love you.

Amen.

BIBLE STORY AND REVIEW QUESTIONS:

Ages 3-Kindergarten: read all with questions. Under age 3: read **highlighted only** and skip questions.

1. In the book of Luke, in the Bible, **some people wondered who was most important to God. So Jesus told them this story.**

"Think about a shepherd. What does he do? He watches over his sheep. He gives them plenty of food and water. The shepherd counts the sheep to make sure they are all there. **If one is lost, he looks for it.** The shepherd will leave his 99 other sheep to look for the one lost sheep.

Review Question: Do you think the shepherd loves his sheep? How do you know?

Answer: he watches over them, feeds/waters them, counts them, looks for lost sheep

2. **The shepherd looks in the barn, near the river, and on the hills. He looks everywhere. The shepherd does not give up. At last, he finds the little lost sheep!** He carries the sheep back. **The shepherd calls his friends together and says, 'Let's celebrate! Be happy with me like I am happy. My lost sheep has been found!'"**

Review Question: How does the shepherd feel when he finds a lost sheep?

Answer: happy, celebrates, tells his friends

3. **Then Jesus said, "God loves every one of his children like the shepherd loves his sheep.** When one of them sins and does wrong things, it is like a sheep that gets lost, and God is very sad. But **when the person chooses to stop doing the wrong things**

and comes back to God, he is very, very happy. He celebrates like a shepherd who has found his lost sheep.

Review Question: How does God feel when someone chooses to stop doing wrong things and listen to God instead?

Answer: very, very happy, he celebrates

4. **"Think about a woman who has ten silver coins, but she loses one of them. She will get a light and clean the whole house looking for her coin.** She will not give up looking until she finds it. **When the woman finds the coin, she will be so happy.** She will call her friends and neighbors and say, 'Be happy with me like I am happy. My coin was lost but now it is found!'" **That is how God feels when people choose to come to Him and stop sinning and doing wrong things. All of heaven is happy and the angels sing joyfully because that person has chosen to listen to God.**

Review Question: What do the angels in heaven do when someone chooses to listen to God?

Answer: they are all happy, sing joyfully

ACTIVITY

GATHERING YOUR SHEEP” BALLOON GAME

SUPPLIES:

Balloon “sheep”
Paper towel tube “rods”
Chairs set up in a corner as the walls of a “corral”

HOW TO PLAY:

1. Tell the children that they are going to pretend they are shepherds and that the balloons are their sheep. Give each child a sheep.
2. Show them the rods and tell them that the goal of the game is to get all the sheep into the corral using the rods (not picking them up with their hands). Tell them that “Anyone caught hitting someone with their rod will have to sit out of the game.” Give each child a rod.
3. Have the children stand at a starting line with their balloon between their feet. The children will push their “sheep” across the floor with their “rod” into the corral.

COLORING PAGE

The coloring page is available on the “At-Home Resources” page on the church website. Post a picture of your completed coloring page on our Facebook page (First Light Littles) so that we can all see your artwork!

SONG

“THE LITTLE LOST SHEEP” (To the tune of “The Wheels on the Bus”)

The little lost sheep cries, “Baa, baa, baa, baa, baa, baa”.
The little lost sheep cries, “Baa, baa, baa, baa, baa, baa”.
The little lost sheep cries, “Baa, baa, baa, baa, baa, baa,”
All the night long.

The shepherd in the field shouts, “Where are you?
Where are you?”
The shepherd in the field shouts, “Where are you?
Where are you?”
The shepherd in the field shouts, “Where are you?
Where are you?”
All the night long.

The little lost sheep goes, “Baa, baa, baa, baa, baa, baa”.
The little lost sheep goes, “Baa, baa, baa, baa, baa, baa”.
The little lost sheep goes, “Baa, baa, baa, baa, baa, baa,”
All the night long.

The shepherd in the field shouts, “There are you! There are you!”
The shepherd in the field shouts, “There are you! There are you!”
The shepherd in the field shouts, “There are you! There are you!”
All safe and sound.

“ALL THE LITTLE SHEEP” (To the tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It”)

Oh, all the little sheep belong to God.
Oh, all the little sheep belong to God.
When one sheep wanders off,
God will find it cause it’s lost,
Oh, all the little sheep belong to God.

God will bring the little sheep back to His Word.
God will bring the little sheep back to His Word.
We will sing to Him the praise,
He deserves all of our days,
God will bring the little sheep back to His Word.