



# Jesus Our Shepherd

Help to explain to your young people that we are all God's sheep with him being our shepherd. He guides us and looks after us throughout our lives.

## How?

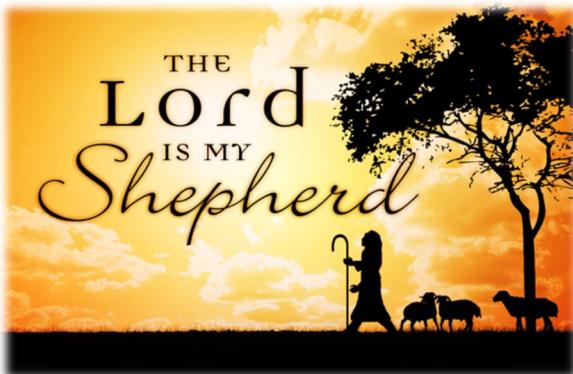
Start with an activity. Have a tray of around 20 items set up. These can be pens, coins, badges, keys, balls etc. Let your young people study the tray for a while and then get them to turn around as you take away one or two items. When they turn back around ask them to identify which items are missing. To make it harder, shuffle the items on the tray after you have taken away your object.



After a few goes, sit your young people back down and ask them if they have ever lost or misplaced anything important to them? This may be a pet, their parents at the shops, a favourite toy etc. Ask them how it made them feel - hopefully sad, scared, panicked, upset.

Now read Matthew 18: 11-14 to your group.

Ask your group why they think Jesus leaves 99 sheep to go and look for the lost one? What does that say about Jesus' love for us?



We're called sheep in God's word because we need a shepherd, just as sheep do. We wander off on our own, believing that we don't need the help of our shepherd, Jesus. When we find

ourselves in danger we need Jesus' protection and guidance. Even though there are many people on this earth, Jesus knows each of us and personally watches over us. If even one person wanders away from Jesus then he goes after that person to bring them back to him.

Close your devotions with a prayer thanking Jesus for loving us so much that he would never leave us.

## Materials:

- A tray
- 20 small items

## Details:

Age - Anchors / Juniors

Cost - None

Time - 10 Minutes

Theme - Jesus our Shepherd

