
Jesus is the Good Shepherd Craft Ideas

Listen for His Voice, Little Sheep! Craft Ideas for Jesus, the Good Shepherd

There are several Biblical references that involve sheep. The lifestyle of the first century made this an applicable metaphor, as there were many who were involved in the business of livestock care. Even with that familiarity, people did not always readily understand sheep stories (“This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.” -John 10:6). Sheep are entirely dependent on the shepherd, as we are dependent on God. Jesus promises to be our shepherd, to guide us and lead us and lay down His life for us. There are an abundance of great sheep crafts... The crafts in this particular lesson will focus on the John 10 Gospel and the idea of listening to the Good Shepherd.

Bible Verses or Craft Captions to Consider...

(Main Text: John 10:1-10)

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. -John 10:11

I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. - John 10:9

The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. -John 10:3

Listen to hear the voice of Jesus...the Good Shepherd!

The way of life is through Jesus...He is the DOOR!

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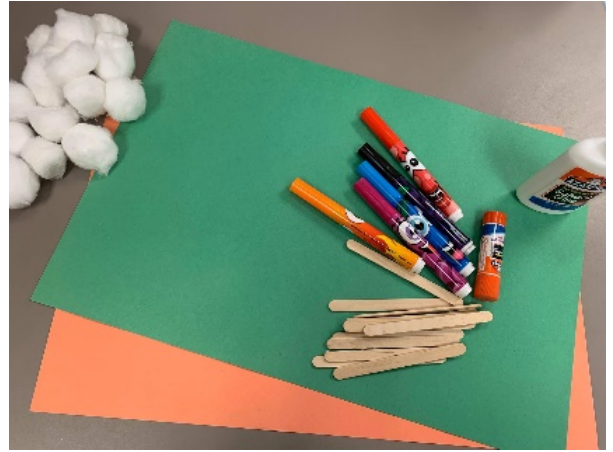


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Craft one: "Sheep in the Pen"

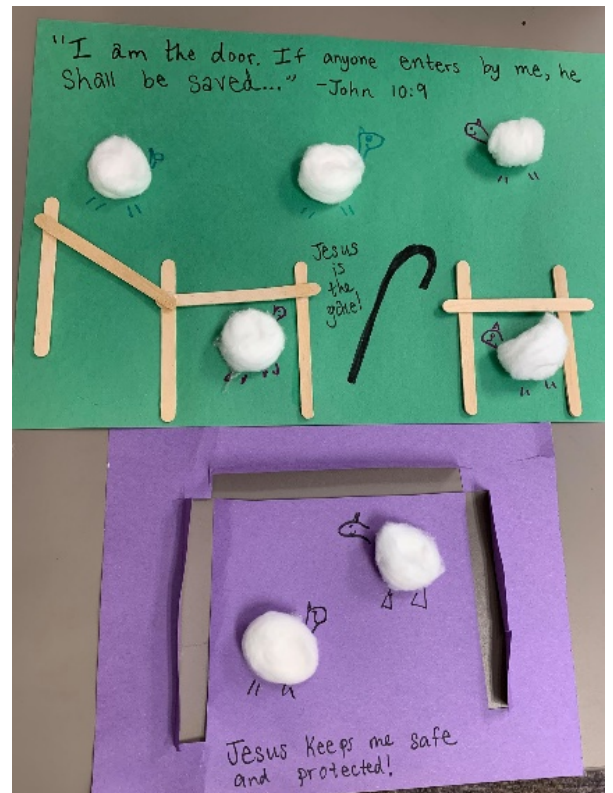
You will need:

- Popsicle sticks, toothpicks, or Q-tips
- Markers, stickers, or other decorating materials
- Glue stick or bottle
- Cotton Balls
- Construction paper or card stock
- Scissors (optional)



Procedure:

1. Build a "fence" on your paper: arrange toothpicks, sticks, or cotton swabs along the perimeter and glue them down to look like a barrier. If desired, this could also be accomplished with yarn, or by cutting slits into the paper. Create an opening "gate."
2. Place cotton ball "sheep" onto the paper within the fence. Glue the sheep down.
3. Decorate the sheep with legs, heads, and tails, if desired.
4. Add a verse and/or caption.
5. Allow to dry, and enjoy your sheep pen!



Craft Two: “Jesus is the Door” Hanger

You will need:

- Construction Paper or card stock
- Stickers or decorative supplies
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons



Procedure:

1. Draw an outline onto the construction paper or cardstock, planning what shape the door hanger will be. Make sure to draw an inner circle for the door knob.
2. Decorate the paper with verse captions, stickers, and images.
3. Carefully cut the outline to create a door hanger shape (rectangle, arch, whatever preferred).
4. Find a door to decorate, and remember that “Jesus is the door”!



Craft Three: “Listen in Cup Phone”

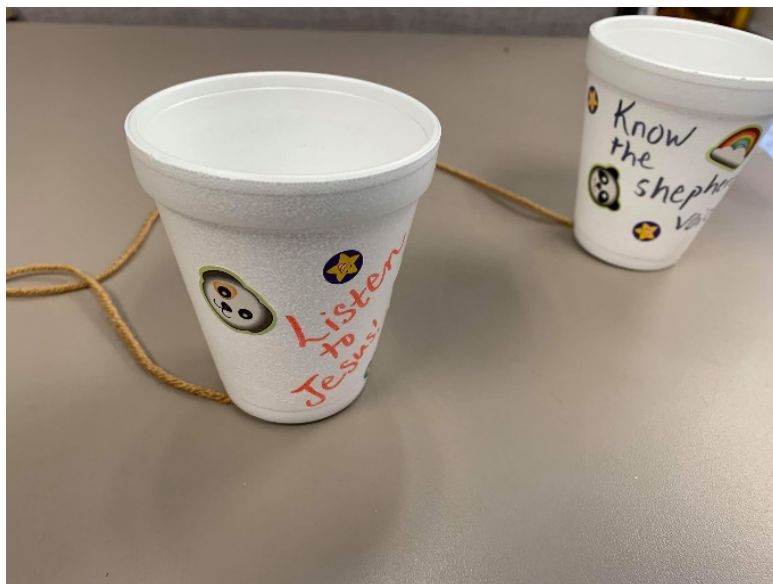
You will need:

- Yarn or twine
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors
- Cups (paper or Styrofoam)
- Paper clips or metal washers.
- Stickers or extra decorations



Procedure:

1. Decorate two cups with stickers, colors, and captions.
2. Cut a long piece of yarn or string (at least 3-5 feet long).
3. Poke a small hole in the bottom of each cup.
4. Poke the yarn through the hole, and attach to a paper clip or other small item to prevent the yarn from slipping out of the hole.
5. Find a buddy to practice speaking into the cups and listening on the other side. Have fun!





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