

April 29-May 5 John 7-10

"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

1. Opposite Puzzles: Give a quick explanation of what "opposite" means. Give some examples (hot and cold, big and small, happy and sad, etc.). Say a word and see if they can tell you what the opposite is. Tell them that the scriptures for this week's lesson have some examples of opposites they're going to find. Cut up the puzzle pieces and have them match up the opposites.
2. Scriptures for Opposite Puzzles: After the puzzles have been matched up, look up the scriptures that go along with them and read/summarize/discuss each. Discuss which of these words are tied to Christ and following Him and summarize what kind of person He is.
 - Deceiver vs. Good Man John 7:12
 - Freedom vs. Bondage John 8:31-34
 - Light vs. Dark John 8:12, John 9:5
 - Truth vs. Lie John 8:40-46

3. Good Shepherd Cotton Balls and Blocks- Use cotton balls, blocks, and shepherd figurine to represent the parable of the Good Shepherd (or use the printable paper roll shepherd/sheep found here <https://www.catholicicing.com/good-shepherd-learning-activity-and/>). Write initials for each family member on cotton balls/sheep. Show pictures/move pieces around to represent the story as shown here <http://faithsprouts.blogspot.com/2015/02/jesus-is-my-shepherd.html?m=1>. Spend time discussing the captions in these pictures while they move the pieces around to match them. Help them see that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and He loves us.
 - Video: Show and discuss "Jesus, the Good Shepherd" 5 minute video <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Pu7LOZwAJ0o>
 - Picture: Show picture of Jesus with lambs. How do we know Jesus loves the lambs? How can we tell that the lambs love Jesus? What has Jesus done to show His love for us? What can we do to show our love for Him?
 - Other characters/objects in the story: Cut out the pictures with scriptures. Look at the pictures one a time, read/summarize the scripture that goes with them, act out/place them by the sheep and fence that was made, and discuss the meaning of each and how it applies to us.



4. “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27)
 - Discuss what this means.
 - Make sheep mask with paper plates and cotton balls like the one found here: <https://www.danyabanya.com/paper-plate-sheep-mask-craft-activity-kids-chinese/>. On the ears or the edge of the paper plate, write, “Jesus loves me and know my name.”
 - While they’re gluing cotton balls on, show this video clip of a shepherd calling his sheep: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Coq_grSFINs. Remind them that Jesus knows our names and talk about how we can hear His voice and follow Him.

5. Keeping the Commandments will Help Me Know they are True: John 7:14-17
 - What are some things a shepherd might ask his sheep to do? (go to a stream to drink, go inside the fence if he sees a wolf coming, go eat food, etc.). Does the shepherd ask the sheep to do these things so they’ll be sad or happy?
 - What are some things Jesus asks us to do? Give brief explanation of commandments and explain that we have commandments to help us be happy. Does He ask us to do these things because He hates us or loves us? Will they help us be happy or sad?
 - Show pictures of 10 commandments and briefly talk about each one (maybe explain “Don’t commit adultery” in a super simple way, such as, “Be nice and true to your family”). Discuss how we can know that the commandments are true when we follow them.

6. Marshmallow Sheep: Follow instructions from <http://www.mamamiss.com/2014/10/01/sheep-trick-or-treat/> to make marshmallow sheep.

7. Video (Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind): While they eat their marshmallows, show/discuss video <https://lds.org/bible-videos/videos/jesus-heals-a-man-born-blind?lang=eng>.

Additional Ideas:

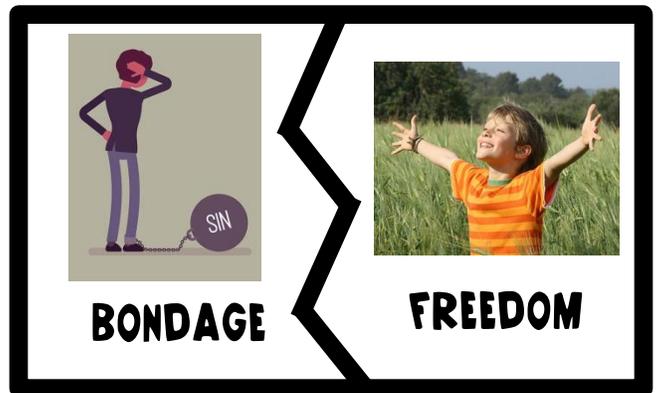
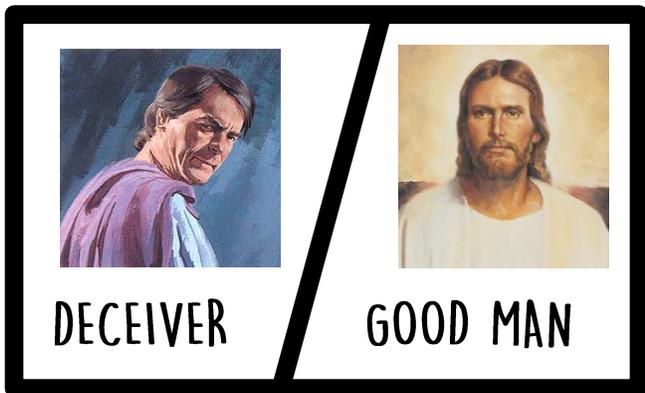
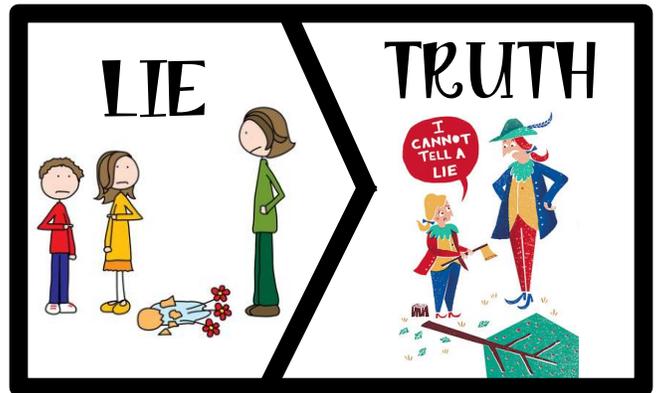
Sheep file folder game <https://www.biblefunforkids.com/2012/12/jesus-good-shepherd-ffg-more-for.html?m=1>

Good shepherd color figures <http://media.ldscdn.org/pdf/magazines/friend-june-2015/2015-06-34-scripture-figure-the-good-shepherd-eng.pdf>

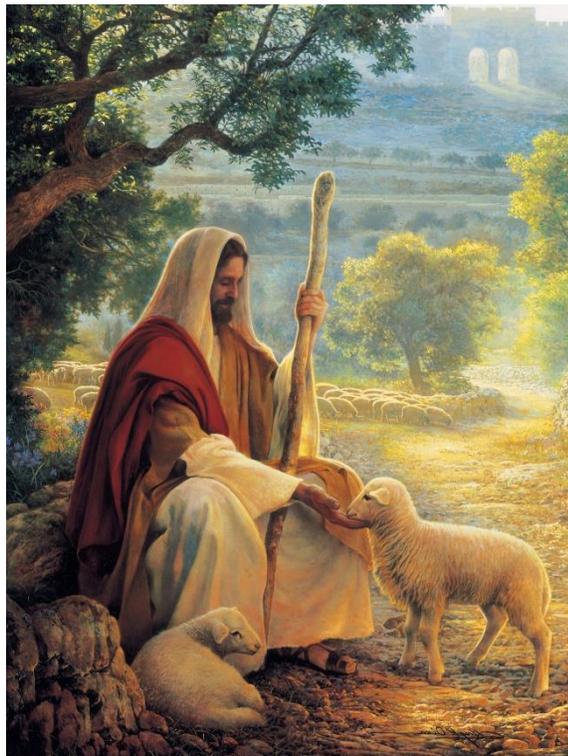
Good Shepherd games from The Friend: <https://www.lds.org/study/friend/2001/03/for-little-friends/good-shepherd-game?lang=eng>

Sheep crafts, don’t eat sheep game <http://myfavoritecrafts.com/225584-flocks-of-sheep-bible-crafts.html>

Opposite Puzzles: Cut apart and have them find matches. Talk about which words describe Christ and blessings we get from following Him.



Jesus is the Good Shepherd:



Other characters/objects in the story

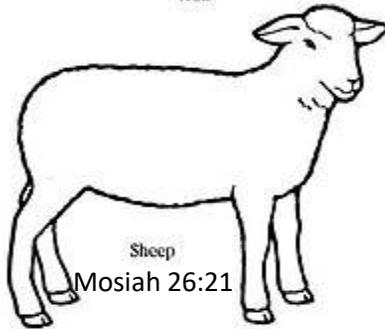


John 10:12-13 Hired shepherd



John 10:12

Wolf

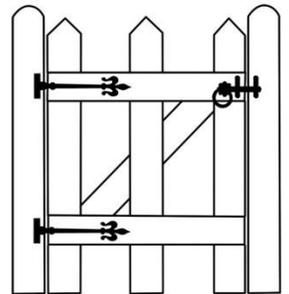


Sheep

Mosiah 26:21



Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd John 10:11, 14



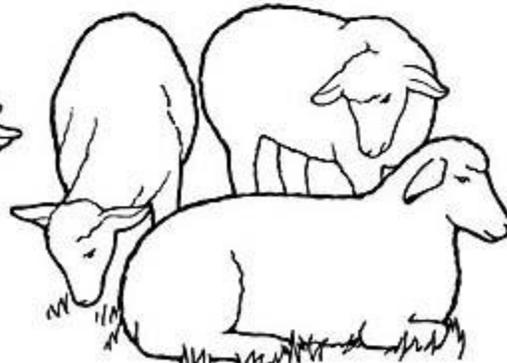
Door

John 10:1-4, 9



Thief, who doesn't enter by the door

John 10:10



Sheep

John 10:27-29

The Ten Commandments

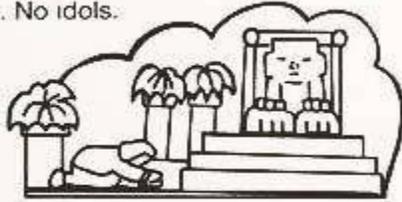
1. No other god.



6. Don't murder.



2. No idols.



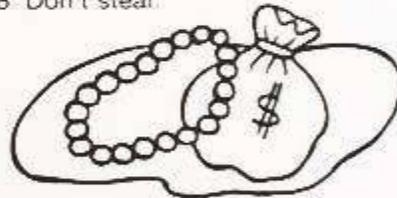
7. No adultery.



3. Don't misuse God's name.



8. Don't steal.



4. Rest on the sabbath.



9. Don't lie.



5. Honor your parents.



10. Don't covet.

