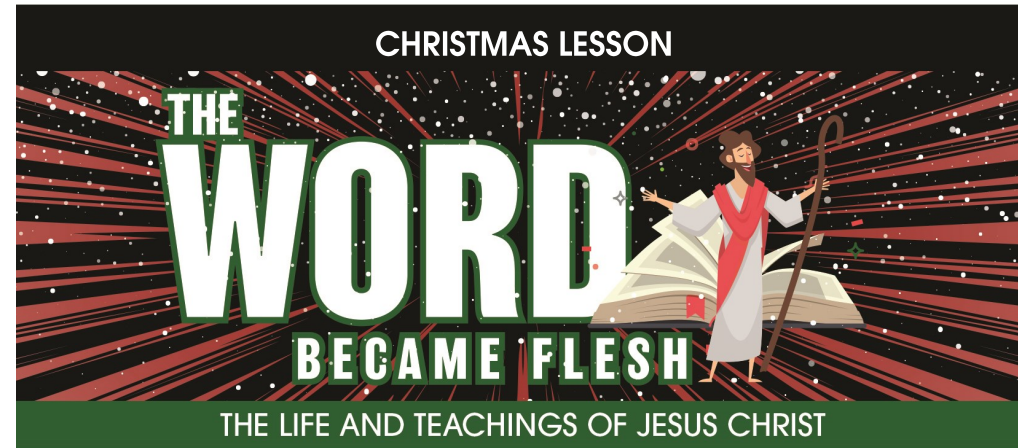


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EARLY CHILDHOOD
LEVEL 2
WORK BOOKLET

Level 2—Parent Notes

- ⇒ **Daily Journal:** Each day read the Scripture and discuss what it means. Then read the poem and have the child answer questions about it from the *Daily Reading Questions*. Include personal ideas and additional questions. Under the daily poem have the child draw a picture related to the content or dictate a sentence about what it means.
- ⇒ **Lesson Rhyme:** Read the *Lesson Rhyme* on the front page, saying the sound of the letter instead of its name. Point to each word as you read it. Discuss the meaning of the rhyme. Review and repeat the rhyme every day using the *Lesson Rhyme Signs*.
- ⇒ **Concluding Lesson:** Complete the activities under *Concluding Lesson* in the booklet.
- ⇒ **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson rhyme memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- ⇒ **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deeds and statutes of the Lord isn't always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.* NIV



THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

What does the Good Shepherd do for his sheep?

Our Good Shepherd protects and provides for us.

LESSON RHYME

How is Jesus our good shepherd?

sh—sh—shepherd
Safe beneath his arm
sh—sh—shepherd
Keeps us out of harm



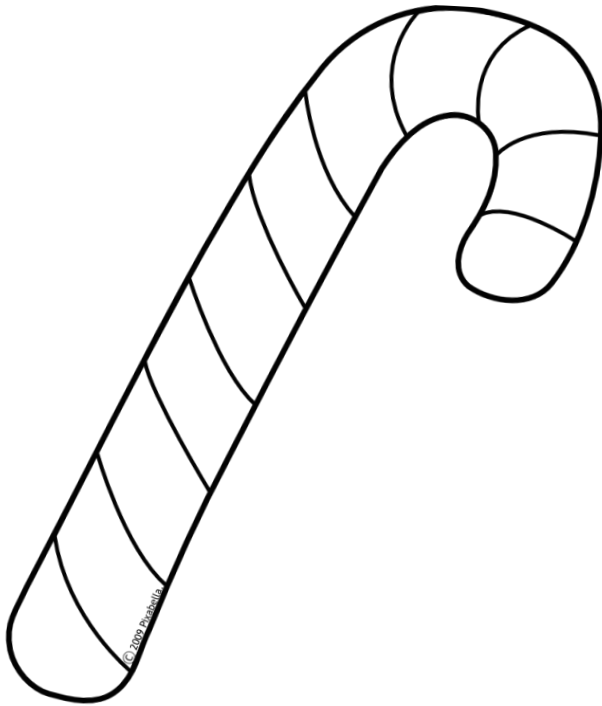
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Christmas—The Good Shepherd

Color in the candy cane as a reminder that Jesus is our good shepherd.



Christmas Daily Reading Questions

Day 1: How are people like sheep? What does that mean? What does a shepherd do for his sheep?

Day 2: What did God promise the people of Israel? What would that shepherd do for his people? Who is the Good Shepherd God promised?

Day 3: As our Good Shepherd what does Jesus want to do for us?

Day 4: What will we do if we are faithful sheep? Where will our Good Shepherd lead us?

Day 5: What will our Good Shepherd do for us because he loves us? What will happen if we follow him?

Day 6: What should the candy cane at Christmas remind us of?

Concluding Lesson

Review: How are people like sheep? What does a shepherd do for his sheep? As our Good Shepherd what does Jesus want to do for us? What should the candy cane at Christmas remind us of?

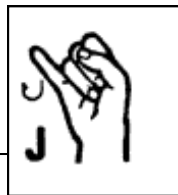
Prayer: Thank Jesus for being your Good Shepherd and leading you along God's path. Pray that you would listen to his voice and follow him.

Application: Share a candy cane with a friend or neighbor and tell them about Jesus being our Good Shepherd.

Dictation: Have the child dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson. Have the child repeat back the dictation, trace over the letters and draw a picture to go with it.



This week I learned



Lesson Rhyme Signs

sh—sh	Put index finger in front of lips like “sh”
Shepherd	Make sign of “J”
Safe	Cross arms with fists in front
beneath his arm	Tuck hands under arms
sh—sh—shepherd	Same as above
Keeps us	Make scooping motion with hand in front
out of	Shake finger “no”
harm	Make chopping motion with side of hand



CHRISTMAS DAILY JOURNAL — How is Jesus our Good Shepherd?

Day 1— 1 Peter 2:25

All people are like sheep,
they are easily led astray.
That's why they need a shepherd
to follow and obey.
We shouldn't be dumb sheep,
and choose to do what's wrong.
We must trust a loving shepherd
to encourage us along.

Day 2—Matthew 2:6

A shepherd long was promised
to God's people, Is-ra-el.
To guide them on God's path of life,
and save them out of hell.
When God's Son came to earth,
the promise was fulfilled.
People have a shepherd
if to Christ their heart they yield.

Day 3—Isaiah 40:11

Our shepherd wants to keep us safe,
underneath his arm.
He wants to give abundant life,
and keep us out of harm.
He wants to guide our steps
in the way of truth and light.
Good sheep will follow after him,
and choose to do what's right.

Day 4—John 10:27-28

If we are faithful sheep,
we will hear our shepherd's voice.
To follow and stay close to him
will be our daily choice.
To green pastures he will lead us,
where we can learn and grow.
We just have to listen to him;
his voice we have to know.

Day 5—John 10:14-15

At Christmas we remember
the gift from God above.
He sent his promised shepherd
to the people he does love.
Our Shepherd gave his life for us,
so we can live with him.
And when we follow Jesus,
eternal life we enter in.

Day 6—Hebrews 13:20-21

The candy cane reminds us;
our good Shepherd came to save.
Because of his great love for us,
his life he freely gave.
We can trust in Jesus;
the Shepherd God did send.
It's so good to know that Jesus
is our shepherd and our friend.