

# THE WORD BECAME FLESH



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

## #XMAS - The GOOD SHEPHERD John 10:11-16; Psalm 23

### PICTURES NEEDED

Xmas-1 Manger Scene with Shepherds

### NURSERY CONCEPT

Jesus is our good shepherd.

### LESSON CONTENT

Explanation: (Show lesson picture) (picture Xmas-1)

What is this a picture of?

In a nativity scene at Christmas there are always shepherds and sheep along with Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus. Jesus birth was first announced to shepherds who were out in the fields taking care of their sheep. When the shepherds heard the good news of the Savior's birth from the angels, they hurried off to Bethlehem to find the Savior God had promised.

A shepherd is responsible to care for and protect his sheep. He leads them to safe pastures where there is plenty of food and water. He keeps wild animals away that would harm them. He rescues them if they get themselves in a bad place. He takes care of them if they get injured or sick.

Long before Jesus' birth, God had promised to send to Israel a shepherd who would be born in Bethlehem and lead and take care of his people. Jesus called himself the Good Shepherd.

## QUESTIONS

Why are there sheep and shepherds in a manger scene? What does a shepherd do for his sheep? What does Jesus call himself? What does Jesus do for us?

## PRAYER

Thank Jesus that he is our Good Shepherd who watches over and takes care of us. Thank God that he is always with you.

## BIG QUESTION (This is for reference only. The nursery children are not expected to learn it.)

**What does the Good Shepherd do for his sheep?**  
Our Good Shepherd protects and provides for us.

## CONCEPT MOVEMENTS

Jesus is      Make sign of Jesus  
Our Good    Thumbs up sign  
Shepherd    Fold arms in front of chest

## COLORING

Color in the lesson picture.

## IDENTIFY

Name the pictures in the boxes on the back of the class worksheet.

## LESSON SONG

### Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me this I know.  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong.  
They are weak but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me.  
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, he who died  
Heaven's gates to open wide.  
He will wash away my sin.  
Let this little child come in.