



LIFE OF JESUS

# The Good Shepherd

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## Slide: Welcome

*(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)*

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

## Slide: Series Intro

Before we get into our lesson today, I want to ask you a few questions. These questions are all about animals. Here we go! What are some animals that are really furry? (allow kids to answer) Good work, let's ask another one. What is an animal that is strong? (allow kids to answer). Good! Animals like lions and bears are really strong. What are some animals that are weak? (allow kids to answer). Good job! Weak animals don't do very well out in the wild.

In our story today, we're going to hear a parable, which is just a fancy word for a story, that Jesus told about an animal that's not very strong. Anyone want to guess the animal he talked about? (allow kids to guess). Jesus talked about sheep and how people are like sheep.

We'll talk about that some more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing a song together.

## Song

*I'm All In*

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

## Slide: Big Idea

*All together:*

*Everyone who follows Jesus gets to have real life. (Repeat)*

## Video

*Play lesson video.*

## Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What animal did Jesus say we are like? (sheep)

- What do you call someone who takes care of sheep? (a shepherd)
- True or False: Jesus is our shepherd who keeps us safe. (T)

Sheep aren't strong enough to take care of themselves so they need shepherds to take care of them. When a shepherd leads his sheep, he's leading them to a safe place that will give them food, water and will protect them from dangerous animals who want to hurt them. This is true for us, too. Just like sheep, we aren't very strong on our own. We will face hard situations that can lead us toward danger. That's why we need a shepherd to keep us safe! We need Jesus to keep us safe! Jesus is the best shepherd of all and we find out why in our memory verse.

Let's all stand and say it together.

### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"The thief's purpose (sneaking like thief) is to steal and kill and destroy (thumbs down). My purpose (point up) is to give them (point at others) a rich and satisfying life (thumbs up)." John 10:10 *(Repeat)*

Jesus is the best shepherd because he was willing to give his life for us! He died to pay for our sins so that we could be safe in a relationship with him. Isn't that amazing! Not only that, Jesus wants to give us a full and happy life. He wants to lead us away from danger and toward the great plans he has for us. But here's the thing. We have to follow the shepherd. We have to listen to Jesus' voice and obey him if we want to stay out of trouble.

So kids, remember that Jesus is our great shepherd who wants to protect us and lead us toward a happy life. Make sure to listen to his voice and follow his lead!

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

### **Song**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### **Slide: Big Idea**

Everyone who follows Jesus gets to have real life. **(Repeat)**

### **Slide: Let's Pray**

*Pray and dismiss.*