

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

God loves you very much!

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn that they matter to God and He loves them.

KEY PASSAGE:

Matthew 18:10-14, Parable of the Wandering Sheep

MEMORY VERSE:

"Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears should listen." Mark 4:9 (NirV)

SUMMARY:

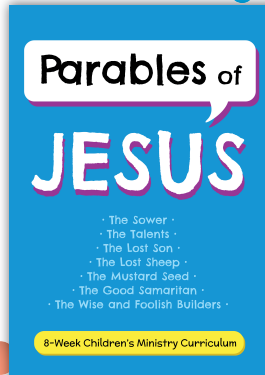
In this lesson kids will learn that Jesus uses the example of lost sheep to let us know that God loves us very, very much. Kids will be encouraged knowing that they are very special, and very much loved by God.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us!

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Parables of Jesus Lesson 5

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: THE LOST SHEEP



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

God sent Jesus to save us because he loves us. Jesus uses the example of lost sheep to let us know that God loves us very, very much. Matthew 18:10-14, Parable of the Wandering Sheep



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

When something goes missing this week - be it a stray dog, a stray toy, or a stray remote control - use it as a moment to remind your children of this parable. Jesus would do anything to come and find His lost sheep. He will always love us.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did the shepherd leave the 99 sheep behind?
- Who is the shepherd in this story?
- How does this story show Jesus loves us?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

"Then Jesus said, 'Whoever has ears should listen.'" Mark 4:9 (NirV)



PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

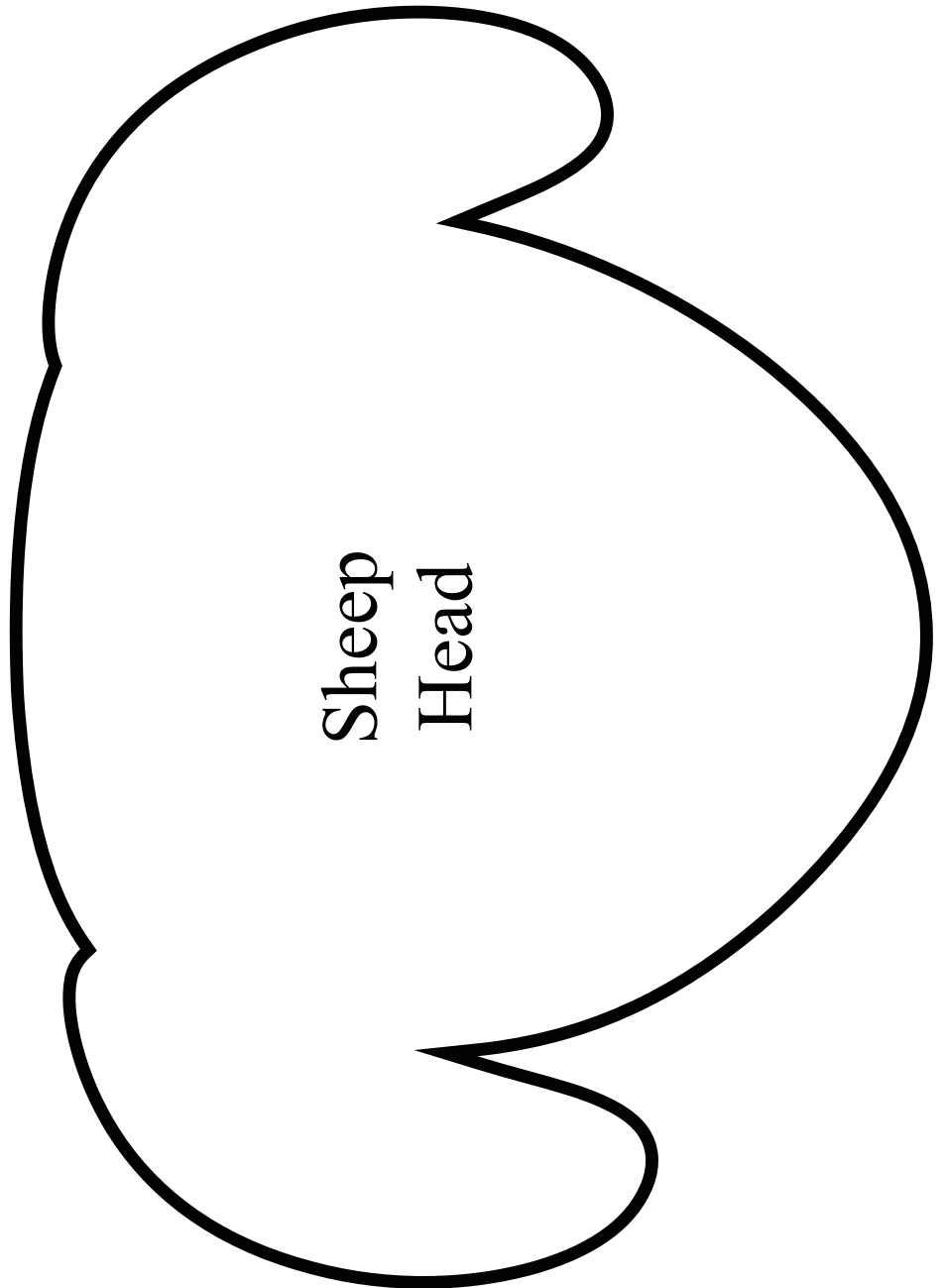
Jesus paired this parable with a warning to anyone who would lead one of His children astray. (Matthew 18:1-9.) Pray that God would help you to guide your children to follow Jesus' voice. Remember that even if they do go astray, God loves them and always will.

Sheep Arts and Craft Template

Parable of the Lost Sheep Matthew 18:10-14



Sheep
Leg



Sheep
Head