

LAMB OF GOD

PRESCHOOL DEVOTIONALS

Easter

at Prestonwood

FAMILY EASTER DEVOTIONAL

Each family will need a small stuffed lamb.

This week, position your lamb in different places throughout the house. When your preschooler finds the lamb each day, take a moment to have your family devotion. Encourage your preschooler to hold your family's lamb during devotional time.

DAY 1: WHAT IS A SHEPHERD?

Give your preschooler his/her lamb. Encourage your preschooler to choose a name for your family's lamb:

Our lamb's name is:

BIBLE VERSE: *When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. (Mark 6:34)*

This week we are going to learn about sheep and about Jesus, who was a good shepherd. What is a shepherd?

(Allow your preschooler to guess what a shepherd is.)

A shepherd is someone who takes care of sheep. A shepherd takes care of mommy sheep and daddy sheep and even little lambs. Shepherds feed their sheep and make sure their sheep are always safe. The Bible says that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He takes care of us!

What are some ways Jesus takes care of us?

PRAY: "Lord Jesus, thank You for being the Good Shepherd and always taking good care of us!"

DAY 2: GIVING LAMBS

BIBLE VERSE: *And give their offering to the Lord...A lamb...for a sin offering. (Numbers 6:14)*

A long time ago, before Jesus was born on earth, people

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICES

Friday, April 19 | 6:30 p.m.
Plano and North Campuses

En Español | 6:30 p.m.
Plano Campus

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday, April 20 and
Sunday, April 21

PLANO & NORTH CAMPUSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

PLANO & LEWISVILLE CAMPUSES
(EN ESPAÑOL)

Sunday 2:00 p.m.

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did bad things. The Bible calls the bad things we do sin. God cannot be where bad things (sin) are, because He is Holy (completely perfect). God told the people that when they did bad things, they could give a lamb, such as your little lamb, as a sin offering. But, giving a lamb could not take away the bad things we do. One day, God promised to send His Lamb—His own Son, Jesus, who would take away all the bad things people do... forever!

What do we call the bad things we do? (*Sin*)

PRAY: "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the Cross to take away the bad things we do!"

DAY 3: THE LAMB OF GOD

BIBLE VERSE: *The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)*

Yesterday, we learned that God promised to send His Lamb—His own Son, Jesus—who would take away the bad things we do. One day, Jesus was walking to the river, and a man named John saw him. John said, "Look, The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John knew that Jesus was God's Son and that He would come and take away the bad things we do—forever!

What did John do when he saw Jesus? (*He told others who Jesus was.*)

PRAY: "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to save us! Help us to be like John and tell others about You!"

DAY 4: THE LOST SHEEP

Today, before your devotional begins, hide the lamb from your preschooler. Choose a hiding spot that will take the preschooler a few minutes to find.

BIBLE VERSE: *What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? (Luke 15:4)*

One day a shepherd was counting his sheep, "Ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine. Oh, no!" The shepherd cried, "I have 100 sheep, but only 99 are here with me! One of my sheep is missing!" The shepherd started looking for his lost sheep.

Will you look for (lamb's name) with me?

(Lead your preschooler on a hunt for your "lost" lamb. When you find your lamb, shout, "Yay! Hooray! We found our lost lamb!")

Were you happy when you found (lamb's name)?

Did you know that Jesus is happy when someone asks Him to be his or her Savior? He is even happier than we are when we find something that is lost! Jesus loves us so much! He wants to be our friend forever.

PRAY: "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You so much that You love us just as a shepherd loves his sheep. Thank You that You made a way for us to be Your friend forever when you died on the Cross and rose again! Amen."

DAY 5: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD...

BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 23 (We encourage you to read this whole Psalm to your preschooler.):

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

God loves us so much. He is like a shepherd who takes good care of us. He's with us even when things are scary.

Can you tell me about a time when you were scared?

(Create a small obstacle course using chairs, couch cushions, etc.)

The Bible says that God is a good shepherd who is with us when we need help. Let me help lead you and (lamb's name) through the obstacle course.

(For older preschoolers: Encourage children to close their eyes as you lead them through the obstacle course. Younger preschoolers can be led through with their eyes open.)

Jesus loves us so much, He is with us even when we are

scared or we need help. He loved us so much, He died on the Cross for our sins and rose again.

PRAY: "Lord Jesus, thank You that You are with us when we are scared or need help; thank You that You give us everything we need. Amen."

DAY 6: ONE GATE

Today: Before your devotional, make a "sheep pen" out of blocks, Legos®, pillows, etc. Make only one opening in the pen and place the lamb outside the pen.

BIBLE VERSE: *So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep." (John 10:7)*

(Show your preschooler the "sheep pen.")

Look! I made a pen for (lamb's name). At night, a shepherd keeps his sheep safe in a sheep pen.

How many ways are there to get into the pen?

That's right, there's just one way in (point to the opening) right here. If (lamb's name) wants to be safe in the pen, he (or she) has to go through this one way.

Jesus said that He is the only way all of the bad things (sin) can be taken away. We have to trust Jesus. Jesus died on the Cross and rose again so we could be in heaven one day. Jesus loves us so much!

PRAY: "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for loving us! Thank You that You died and rose again so we could be in heaven one day with you!"

