

PRESS PLAY

VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

PRESCHOOL: THURSDAY

CRAFT:

Sheep Mask

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, Bottom Line, or Memory Verse by creating a craft

What You Need: paper plate, cotton balls, cardstock, scissors, white glue, permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Cut the middle out of the paper plate.
- Cut two 5"-6" ovals from cardstock, or use the inside of the paper plate you cut

During the Activity:

- Have your child glue one oval on the back of the plate on each side near the top for ears.
- Have your child glue cotton balls around the front of the plate.
- Set aside to dry.

After the Activity:

- Review the Bible story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity:

"Today we are going to make a sheep mask to help us remember the story Jesus told in our Bible story."

During the Activity:

"On the back side of the plate, glue the ears on at the top of the plate. *(Pause.)* Now spread glue around the plate and add the cotton balls. *(Pause.)* Super job. Let's set these aside to dry."

After the Activity:

"Our Bible story was a story Jesus told about a lost sheep. A shepherd was counting his sheep when he noticed one was missing. The shepherd loved all his sheep so he left all the sheep to go find the one that was missing. Jesus loves us like the shepherd loved his sheep. Jesus loves us and wants everyone to be His friend forever. You are important just like the one sheep the shepherd went to find. Now that we know how much Jesus loves us, we can tell others that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.**"

GAME:

Sheep . . . Baa!

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: no supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Pick a room or area with open space where the game will be played.
- Take turns playing a version of "Marco Polo."
- Have your child pretend to be a sheep somewhere in the room, they can move around.
- You be the shepherd and stand in the center.
- Your child will be the sheep.

During the Activity:

- Stand in the center of the room with your eyes closed and call, "Sheep!"
- When your child hears "Sheep!" they will answer with, "Baa!"
- Carefully move to your child, continue until you've found them. Then they can be the shepherd for the next round.
- *(Option: You can be the shepherd every round depending on the age of your child.)*

What You Say:

Before the Activity:

"Do you know what shepherds do? They take care of their sheep! When one is lost, the shepherd will search until the sheep is found. I will be the shepherd and you will be the sheep. You can move around anywhere in this room. Since I'm the shepherd, I will close my eyes and say, 'Sheep!' You will be the sheep and answer, 'Baa!' Are you ready? Here we go."

During the Activity:

(Close eyes) "Sheep! Baa! (Move towards your child) Found you! You're the next shepherd. Now you close your eyes and say, 'Sheep!' And I'll be the sheep you try to find."

After the Activity:

"Jesus told the story about a shepherd with one hundred sheep. That's a lot of sheep! When one got lost, the shepherd left the other ninety-nine to find his lost sheep. *(Child's name.)*, you are important to Jesus just like the lost sheep was important to the shepherd. I'm so glad that **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves me. Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me.**"