

READ IT

This week's Bible story is
The Good Shepherd

from John 10:11-18.



Easter 4

Jesus cares for us like a good shepherd.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Sheep
- Good Shepherd
- Jesus

Throughout the Bible, God promises to shepherd the people - to care for them, lead them, love them, and keep them safe. Jesus is this promised Good Shepherd.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 436-439

Spark Bible pages 1185

Family Prayer

Thank you, Jesus, for always watching out for us like a good shepherd! Guide us in your good ways. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 A shepherd takes care of sheep. What does our family help take care of?
- 2 How do we know Jesus cares for us?
- 3 How does God help us when we're having a hard time?
- 4 Open a small bag of multi-colored candies. Assign a candy-color to each person. Take turns picking out a candy. Whoever has their color drawn thanks God for taking care of someone in their life and then gets to eat the candy!



Eye Spark

Next time you're searching for something you lost, think of how God searches us out in our times of need.



Ear Spark

When you hear an animal call (bark/baa/meow/tweet) remember Jesus hears our prayers just like you hear the animal call.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Parenting is shepherd-like — loving, guiding, protecting. Spend some time reviewing your family's safety plans. How can your child call you for help? (Review home/cell/work numbers.) Who should they call if you can't be reached? Remind them of all the "shepherds" in their life who can help them find their way.

For younger kids

Help someone look for something this week— be sleuth-like shepherds and look for something that is lost or misplaced.

For older kids

Use the internet to search on the word "shepherd." How many websites talk about shepherding sheep and how many talk about church programs? Try "good shepherd" and see what comes up.