



Mini Lesson: New Testament

STORY: **Jesus, the Good Shepherd**

THEME: **Jesus is your Good Shepherd.**

Read the Story

Sit in a low chair or on the floor with a Frolic First Bible. Ring a chime or use another sound to call children to story time. Gather them into a story-time circle.

Farmers who raise sheep on their farms are called shepherds. The shepherd feeds the sheep, gives them water, and takes care of them when they are sick. Who takes care of you? Listen while children share. Jesus tells us that he is our shepherd who takes care of us too. Let's hear a story about Jesus.

Hold up the Frolic First Bible and read the story from pages 36–37. Finish your storytelling with the statement at the end of the story: **Jesus is your Good Shepherd.**

More Story Fun

Hold up the Frolic First Bible for all children to see.

Let's count all the sheep. Help children count the eleven sheep. Don't forget the small ones farther out in the field!

The sheep look happy. Let me see your happy faces. Share big smiles with the children.

One sheep is eating yummy grass. Let's pretend we're chewing on yummy food. Make chewing and slurping noises together.

Where is Jesus? Point to Jesus. **Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd." Who are Jesus' sheep? We are! Jesus loves us and takes care of us like a shepherd takes care of sheep. Thank you, Jesus!**

Prayer

Finish your time together with a prayer.

**Dear Jesus,
Thank you for taking care of us.
Thank you for loving us.
Thank you for being our Good Shepherd!
Amen.**

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