



JESUS SAID, "I AM"

7 DAY FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Day 6

"I Am the Good Shepherd."



Read John 10:11-14 together as a family.

Jesus is the good shepherd, and we are his sheep. Now what does that mean? Back in Bible times, shepherds would take their sheep to different pastures to eat the grass. He would lead them around the land and have to use a rod to keep them in a pack together so they wouldn't get lost. There's one catch: sheep are not the smartest creatures. They can't see very well, and don't know what they're doing half of the time. Every once in a while, a sheep could get lost or attacked by an animal. A good shepherd would go find the lost sheep, and protect the sheep from the animal. We need Jesus as our Good Shepherd to lead us through our everyday life. He keeps us on the right path and protects us against the enemy's attacks. Even when we leave His path and become lost, He's always looking for us. He doesn't give up on us, He constantly keeps us on the right path.

BIBLE TIME:

Let's look at David as a young shepherd and see how he reacted when a lion and a bear came after his flock of sheep.

Read 1 Samuel 17:34-36

What did David say he would do if the lamb was in the animal's mouth?

David was a fearless shepherd, and is an excellent example of what Jesus does for us when we're attacked. He fearlessly fights for us every single time.

Read Matthew 18:12-14

Does the Scripture say that the man would be rejoicing over finding the one sheep more or less than the ninety-nine that did not wander off?

PARENTS: Here is another fun game you can play with your children!

While they are studying Scripture or all together, you go and find their favorite toy or game and hide it somewhere in the house. Tell them it's gone, and they can have it only after they do the work to find the hiding spot. They will obviously want to find it quickly. Don't make it too easy on them!

After they find it, tell them this is the same thing Jesus as the great shepherd does with us. He doesn't want us lost and without Him. He wants to help us stay close to Him and never get lose, but He also rejoices when we come back to Him if we have wandered off.

PRAYER: Spend time praying as a family that Jesus would continue to direct us in the right path, and that we would follow His leading and submit ourselves to His plan every single day.