



The cuddly sheep

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Luke 15:4-6



Topic

Jesus looks for me



Takeaway

Every child matters to Jesus – me too



3 minutes



Object: a cuddly toy sheep (or another small soft toy)



Preparation: 5 min



sitting in a circle



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Jesus looks for me". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

½ min

Opening

Hide the sheep in the room beforehand. Show the children a picture of a flock of sheep and ask: Oh no – a sheep is missing! Who will help look? Everyone searches until it is found.

1 min

Story

Jesus told a story: a shepherd had a hundred sheep. One evening he counted: 97, 98, 99 ... one was missing! So he left the others safe and searched everywhere for the one sheep – behind rocks, in the bushes, on the hill. At last he found it, put it on his shoulders and carried it home. He was so happy that he had a party.

1 min

Thought

Jesus says: I am like this shepherd. Every child matters to me. When you are sad or alone, Jesus looks for you and carries you. Now the sheep is carefully passed from child to child, and each one says: "Jesus loves me."

½ min

Question for all

When have you been glad that someone found you?



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Prayer to read aloud

Dear Jesus, thank you that you never forget me and always look for me. Amen.



For leaders

- Keep it short: little children listen well for three to four minutes.
- Pass the object around – touching it helps understanding.
- Say the prayer line by line and let the children repeat it.



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