



# The Good Shepherd

John 10:14-16

**Suggested setting:** Kings & Kingdoms Units 5-6 puppet sketches take place around a forest campfire under a night sky with moon and stars on backdrop. Option: String a strand of white lights overhead to create a starry night effect. Adjust setting and puppet names according to available puppeteers and resources.

**Characters:** Ranger Ryan the Lion is the wise, fatherly forest ranger. He wears a badge and a ranger hat. He gathers everyone at the campfire to tell the lesson's parable. Delbert the Donkey and Lello the Lamb are good friends who love to sit around the campfire and listen to Ranger Ryan tell the stories Jesus told.

**Leader** (Stands at puppet window.)  
**Are you ready to hear a special story from Ranger Ryan?** (Children respond.)  
**Let's call Ranger Ryan and invite him to join us. Can you all roar with me?**  
**Roaaaaar!** (Ranger Ryan pops up near campfire.)

**Ranger Ryan**  
**Roaaaaar! Ranger Ryan here. Hello, my little ones! Let's gather by the campfire. Would you help me call our friend Lello to join us?**

**Ranger Ryan, Leader & Children**  
**Hellohhhhhhhhhh, Lello!**

**Lello** (Lello pops up.)  
**Yeah, hello, everyone!**

**Leader**  
**Hi, Lello. We're so excited you could join us at the campfire. Ranger Ryan is about to tell us another story.**

**Lello**  
**Yeah, I love Ranger Ryan's stories.**

**Ranger Ryan**  
**Let's begin. This is another story Jesus told. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. I know My sheep and My sheep know Me."**

**Lello**  
**Oh, a story about sheep! I'm so excited.**

**Ranger Ryan**  
**Jesus said, "And I give my life for the sheep."**

**Lello**  
**Yeah, shepherds take very good care of sheep.**

**Leader**  
**That's right, Lello. Jesus is like our shepherd. We belong to Him and He loves us very much.**

**Ranger Ryan**

That's right. Jesus also said, "I have other sheep that don't belong to this flock, I must bring them in. They will listen to my voice, too. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd."

**Lello**

Yeah, bringing in more sheep! How wonderful.

**Ranger Ryan**

Yes, Jesus is a good shepherd.

**Lello**

And how wonderful it is that we belong to Him!

**Ranger Ryan**

That's right! Well, little ones, it's time for me to check on the other campfires in the forest. Lello, would you like to walk with me?

**Lello**

Yeah!

**Leader**

Will you meet us here again with another story, Ranger Ryan?

**Ranger Ryan**

I'd love to! See you arrrrround.  
(Pronounced with a friendly roar.)

**Lello**

Yeah. Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

**Leader & Children**

Bye, Ranger Ryan! Bye, Lello!

(All exit.)