



At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah–Malachi
Unit 9, Lesson 43

Ezekiel and the Sheep

Lesson Aim: To know God will care for us like a shepherd cares for his sheep.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: The Lord Is Our Shepherd
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: Pick A Pet
- BLOCK CENTER: Sheep Pen
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE CENTER: Bubbling Praise

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO IS LORD OF ALL

It's Praise Time—our time to praise God together. First, let's praise Him through prayer. Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. **Dear God, we praise You for who You are and for loving us so much. Amen.**

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Psalm 150:6

THE WORD EZEKIEL TELLS US WE ARE THE LORD'S SHEEP CLASSROOM PROMISE

Who here has a pet? What kind of pet do you have? What do you have to do to care for your pet? (Feed it, give it water, give it a clean place to live and sleep, care for it when it is sick.)

Many animals have someone to care for them. Animals on a farm are cared for by farmers; animals in the zoo are cared for by zoo keepers. Show children the sheep. **What do we call a person who cares for sheep?** (A shepherd.) **Shepherds watch over their sheep and keep them from harm.**

The Lord God gave a man named Ezekiel a message to share with all people. Let's listen to the message. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Ezekiel 34:11.

WATCH THE WORD: EZEKIEL 34:6, 11-15, 31

Read poem. Display visual.

- The Lord told Ezekiel,
- "The people are My sheep.
- And I am their shepherd;
- I lay them down to sleep.

- "When they are lost, I will search for them.
- They will not be afraid.
- I will lead them to green pastures.
- I, Myself will keep them safe."

Who will search for His sheep? (The Lord.) **Who is your shepherd?** (The Lord.)

THE WAY THE LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD

CRAFT: The Lord's Sheep

GAMES: Gather the Sheep, The Lord's Sheep

SNACK: Sheep Snack

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Ezekiel 34:6, 11-15, 31

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Praise Balloon, Instrument Praise

STORY TIME