

## GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

### EASTER – *A Shepherd for You*

#### WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: You should thank Jesus often for the way He cares for you.

#### TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to previous week's memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.

#### PRESESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER CHILD: "For Whom Did Jesus Die?"
2. YOUNGER CHILD: Easter Activity Sheet

SONG: (2 minutes)

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PRAYER: (4 minutes)

1. Prayer song: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Ask the children to share any "Thank You Prayers" or "Please Prayers" they have.
3. Lead the class in "Thank You" and "Please" prayers.

MEMORY VERSE: (8 minutes)

**John 10:11** – "***I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.***"

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize. See "**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**" for helps in teaching the verse to the younger children.)

**"Choral Reading"** – After you have read this verse from the Bible, explained what it means, and repeated it at least two times, you may begin this drill. Divide your class into four groups. When you point to a group, they will stand up to say a part of the verse. Then they will sit down and another group will stand up to say the next part. The four parts are: "**John 10:11,**" "***I am the Good Shepherd,***" "***the Good Shepherd giveth His life,***" and "***for the sheep.***"

HYMN OF YOUR CHOICE: (2 minutes)

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BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

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(See "**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**" for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK: (1 minute)

Briefly highlight what was learned from last week's Quiet Time. Give children the QT Notebooks that you have left and explain to them the importance of continuing to have a QT throughout the summer.

MISSIONARY TIME: (16 minutes)

1. Review ways to Go and Tell the world about Jesus.
2. Pray for the missionaries.
3. Show goal chart and share the final numbers for the year.
4. Missions song: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Story: **Secret in the Woods**. Teach the portion of the story listed under Week #14.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (7 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from the **Involvement Helps for Younger Children**.

**“Fill My Fold”** – Divide the class into two teams. Place one shepherd on each side of the flannelboard. Scatter lambs in the middle of the board or place on a table for children to pick from. The shepherds are looking for some lambs to fill their sheepfold. When a team member answers a question correctly, they can place a lamb by their team's shepherd (*alternatively, tape shepherds to cups to stand them up and place lambs each team earns inside their cup*). Ask questions alternately. The team with the most lambs wins.

– Sharon Ohlin, Modified 2022.

1. **Name one thing Jesus could do that no one else could do.** (*Heal the sick. Make blind people see. Make lame people walk. Raise people from the dead.*)
2. **What made Jesus sad when He looked at a crowd of people?** (*They were like lost sheep without a shepherd. They did not know how much Jesus loved them.*)
3. **How did the religious leaders feel about Jesus?** (*They were jealous and angry about Jesus doing what He could do.*)
4. **Where did the enemies find Jesus to arrest Him and what was He doing at the time?** (*They found Him in a garden. He was praying.*)
5. **What question did the one in charge ask Jesus about who He was?** (*“Are You the Son of God?”*)
6. **What was Jesus' answer to the question?** (*“I am.”*)
7. **What did Pilate think about Jesus?** (*He could not find anything that Jesus had done wrong.*)
8. **Why did Pilate allow the enemies of Jesus to take Him away to put Him to death?** (*Pilate was afraid. The leaders had caused the angry mob to ask for Jesus' death.*)
9. **What does it mean when it says they crucified Jesus?** (*They put nails in His hands and feet and put Him on two pieces of wood in the shape of a cross to kill Him.*)
10. **What did the soldiers do to make sure no one stole the body of Jesus?** (*They put a seal over the stone and had guards stay there day and night.*)
11. **Who were the first ones to know Jesus was alive?** (*The women who prepared and took spices to the tomb on the third morning.*)
12. **Why does everyone need a Good Shepherd?** (*Because they have sinned. No one can have eternal life in Heaven unless they know they have sinned and then ask Jesus to forgive them.*)

\*COUNSEL TIME: (\*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

1. Pre-session papers for older and younger child
2. Memory verse token
3. Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook



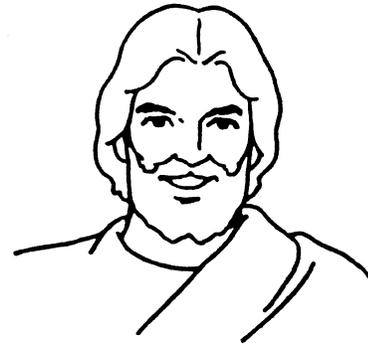
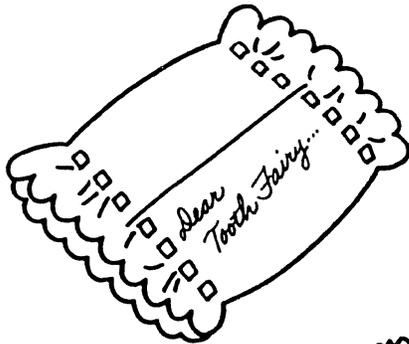
**PRE-SESSION, Younger Child – EASTER – A Shepherd for You**

Draw a red circle around the most powerful one.

Draw a green circle around the one who made the world.

Draw a blue circle around the one who takes care of you at night.

Draw an orange circle around the one who can forgive you of your sin.



**“... The Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.”**

**John 10:11**

## TEACHING THE MEMORY VERSE EASTER LESSON - “A Shepherd for You”

MEMORY VERSE: John 10:11

“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.”

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger child should memorize.)



INTRODUCE THE VERSE:

Have you ever seen a shepherd. His job is to take of the sheep. A good shepherd would risk his own life, rather than any harm come to his sheep. The memory verse today tells us of a shepherd who gave His life for us.

READ THE VERSE:

Read the verse from the Bible or have an older child do so; then have the children read with you from the verse visual.

EXPLAIN THE VERSE:

**John 10:11** - This is where the verse is found in the Bible. We call it the address or reference. It is found in the book of John, chapter 10, and verse 11.

**“I am the good shepherd.”** - Jesus is talking in this verse, and He is saying that He is the good shepherd. By that He means He is the one who really cares for us. You and I are like sheep who want our own way; we wander away. Sheep need a shepherd to show them the right path; you and I need Jesus to save us from our sin and to protect us from the sinful things Satan wants us to do.

**“the good shepherd giveth His life”** - Since Jesus is without sin, He could die on the cross for our sins and take the punishment that we deserve for the wrong things that we have done.

**“for the sheep.”** - This refers to any man, woman, boy, or girl. He died for you and me.

REPEAT THE VERSE:

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# INVOLVEMENT HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

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by Elizabeth Clark and Jen Walker

## EASTER – A Shepherd for You

### INTRODUCTION:

The younger children may not understand the comparisons that are made. We suggest using this introduction if you have mostly younger children.

Show a picture of a shepherd with sheep. Ask the children, “Have you ever seen a sheep?” Show picture and say, “This is what a sheep looks like, and this is their shepherd. The shepherd is the one who takes care of the sheep. In the Bible, God says we are like sheep. We need a shepherd.”

### MEMORY VERSE: Shortened verse

**John 10:11** – “. . . *The Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.*”

<b>John 10:11</b>	– Hold hands as an open Bible.
<b>“. . . <i>The Good Shepherd</i>”</b>	– Point up toward Heaven.
<b>“<i>giveth His life</i>”</b>	– Fingers in shape of cross.
<b>“<i>for the sheep.</i>”</b>	– Point to self.
<b>John 10:11</b>	– Hold hands as an open Bible.

### BIBLE LESSON HELPS:

MT and MT, PAS – While saying the Main Thrust, do the following motions with the children:  
“*The Good Shepherd*” – Each middle finger to palm of opposite hand.  
“*loves and cares*” – Arms across chest.  
“*for you.*” – Point to self.

S, PAU – Have children say, “*Sin is anything that you think, say, or do that makes God sad.*” Point to head, mouth, and then extend hands, palms up while repeating.

Under SF-1 – G. Have children repeat, “*God loves you,*” while pointing up, then crossing arms across chest, and then pointing to self.

Under SF-3 – O. Have children sign “Jesus” while saying His name softly.

Under SF-4 – Have children walk in place to Calvary.  
– P. Sing just the first verse of “You and Me:”  
“*You and Me, You and Me, Jesus died on the cross for you and me.*  
*You and Me, You and Me, Jesus died on the cross for you and me.*”

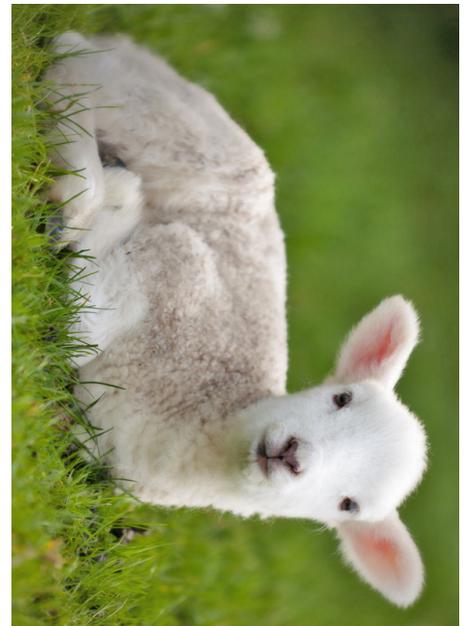
Under SF-6 – E. Sing just the second verse of “You and Me:”  
“*You and Me, You and Me, Jesus came alive again for you and me.*  
*You and Me, You and Me, Jesus came alive again for you and me.*”

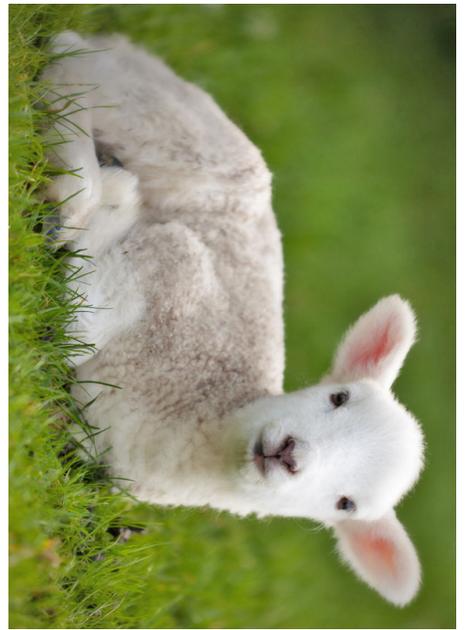
### BIBLE LEARNING GAME:

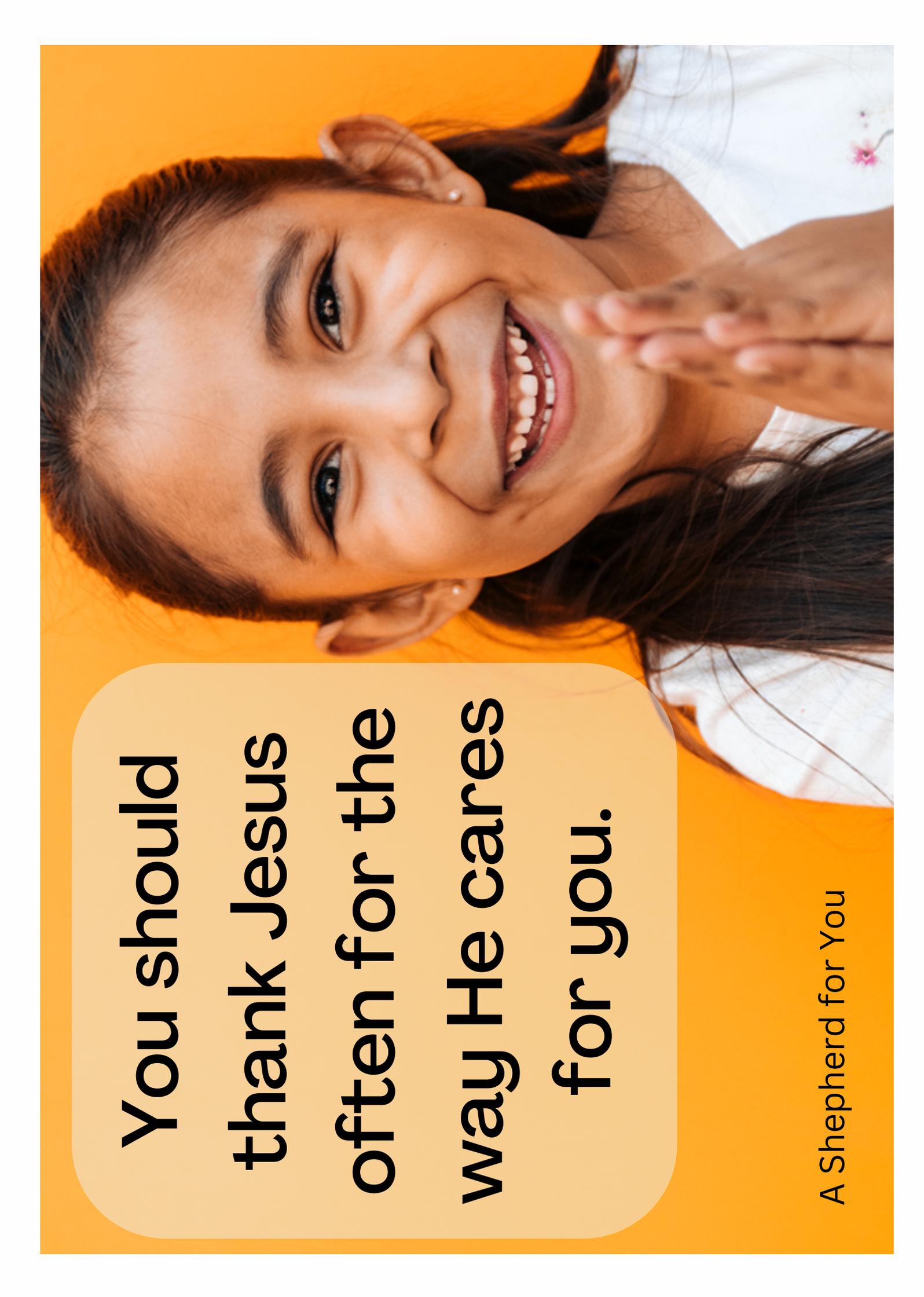
Before the children arrive, hide small paper sheep in obvious places throughout the room. Let the children be shepherds and go find the lost sheep. Once they have found a sheep, they can bring it back to the “sheepfold” and say the memory verse with you while they wait for the others to bring their sheep back. Each time a child returns to the “sheepfold,” all children at the “sheepfold” say verse together.

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EASTER: A Shepherd for You Review Game  
"Fill My Fold"







**You should  
thank Jesus  
often for the  
way He cares  
for you.**

A Shepherd for You

- They wanted to put special spices on Jesus' body
- Wondered how they would roll away the huge stone
- But when they got to tomb, the stone was already rolled away! A young man was sitting there
- An angel said, "Don't be afraid; you are looking for Jesus; He has come back to life; He is not here"
- "Look at the place where they laid Him"
- Women looked; there was no body in that tomb; it was empty!
- Angel; "Go tell His disciples He is risen from the dead"
- Women probably afraid, happy, confused all at the same time! Most ran off to find the disciples

### FLASHCARD SF-6

- Before they had gone far, suddenly Jesus was standing in front of them! He was alive!

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- He spoke to the women! He truly was alive!
- Jesus had come back from the dead, and He is alive today; He will never die again
- Isn't it wonderful? One day, Jesus coming back again; will take all who have trusted in Him to be with Him in Heaven

- Have YOU trusted Jesus to be your Good Shepherd? Are YOU ready to listen to His voice and follow Him?

### INVITATION

**John 10:27, 28a** – **"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: and I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish."**

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### BOW HEADS RESPONSE

### FLASHCARD SF-8

### CHALLENGE

**G** – Go over MT

**MT, PAS** – **YOU SHOULD THANK JESUS OFTEN FOR THE WAY HE CARES FOR YOU**

**1 Peter 5:7** – **"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you."**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**W** – Will you do it?

### The Easter Story

(A Shepherd for You)

Matt. 26:47-75, 27-28; Mark 14:43-74,

Mark 15-16; Luke 22:47-71, 23,

24:1-12; John 18-20

- What is a shepherd? It's a person who takes care of sheep
- When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He said, "I am the Good Shepherd. . . ." What did He mean?
- Today, we will hear true story; most wonderful story in the world. . . from God's Word; about Jesus' care for YOU
- Remember especially at Easter

**MT** – **YOU SHOULD THANK JESUS OFTEN FOR THE WAY HE CARES FOR YOU**

### FLASHCARD SF-7

- When Jesus lived here on Earth He was amazing/caring; different from everyone else

- Chose to leave His home & travel through His country; never owned house; sometimes slept on the ground

### FLASHCARD SF-1

- Jesus did wonderful things – only God could do. . .healed sick, made blind see, caused lame to walk, even brought people back to life!

- Fed thousands out of 1 small lunch, made terrible storm stop just by speaking to it

- One of most wonderful things He did was teach people about God the Father

- How could He do all this? What was special or different?

- Jesus was a real person (human), but also God; always was, but sent to be born as Baby (we celebrate at Christmas)

- As adult, traveled throughout country; loved people everywhere He went

- Sometimes looked at crowds and cried; Jesus: "They are like sheep without a shepherd"

- People did not realize how much Jesus loved them

**G**

- People Jesus loved were sinners; they said and did wrong things

- We are like that, too

**S, PAU**

**Isaiah 53:6** – **"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way."**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- Jesus knows you and I and people in crowd are lost in sin; did not understand they needed Shepherd
  - Know Jesus is the Good Shepherd?
- MT, PAS – YOU SHOULD THANK JESUS OFTEN FOR THE WAY HE CARES FOR YOU**

**1 Peter 5:7 – “Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.”**

1.

2.

3.

### FLASHCARD SF-2

- As Jesus traveled, healed, & taught, some loved Him; others did not
- Religious leaders were jealous of Jesus; angry that people listened to Him instead of them
- Hated Jesus so much, they wanted Him to die
- One night, these enemies of Jesus found Him praying in a garden & arrested Him; took Him to be put on trial
- Their leader listened as people lied about Jesus; One in charge asked, “Tell us whether you are the Son of God”

- Jesus: “I am. One day you will see Me sitting at the right hand of God in the place of power
- Religious leaders were more angry; they spit on Jesus, hit Him, made fun of Him
- Then took Jesus to the man in charge of their government; Pilate
- Didn't matter what the people believed; Jesus is God and was telling truth

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### FLASHCARD SF-3

- Pilate asked; “Do you hear the things the priests are accusing you of? Aren't you going to say anything?”
- But Jesus did not answer
- Pilate amazed; spoke to priests and crowd
- “I find no fault in Him; this Man has done nothing to deserve death.”
- But leaders had worked up the crowd; they were now an angry mob who called out for Jesus to be killed
- So, Pilate ordered soldiers to whip Jesus
- They put purple robe on Jesus; made a crown of sharp thorns for His head
- They laughed at Him; “Hail, King of the Jews!” Bowed down & pretended to worship Him

- Pilate knew Jesus had not done anything to deserve punishment
- But he was afraid of leaders & angry crowd; ordered that Jesus be crucified

### FLASHCARD SF-4

- Soldiers took Jesus to a hill called Golgotha (Calvary); there they crucified Him
- Put nails in His hands & feet & nailed Him onto two pieces of wood shaped like a cross
- Lifted up the cross for everyone to see
- Two others, criminals, were put on crosses next to Jesus
- Soldiers hung up a sign over Jesus that said, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews”
- True - Jesus was the King of His people & is King of all the whole world; But had never done anything wrong – not even once
- Jesus could have stopped all this & taken Himself down off the cross; but He did not; part of God's plan from beginning

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**John 10:11 – “I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.”**

- People who watched that day did not understand what was happening

- Jesus' enemies rejoiced that He was bleeding & suffering
- “If He is the King, let Him come down from the cross, & we will believe Him!”
- Others stood watching that day who loved Jesus; how sad they must have felt!
- Jesus hung on cross for 6 hours
- Jesus: “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit” Then in a loud voice; “It is finished!” He bowed His head, and died
- Two of Jesus' friends asked permission to bury Jesus' body
- They lowered it from the cross & wrapped it in cloth
- Took it to a garden cave called a tomb; laid Jesus' body inside
- A few women who loved Jesus watched as they rolled a big stone over the entrance

### FLASHCARD SF-5

- Jesus enemies still not satisfied; they put seal over the stone door so they could tell if it was opened; then put soldiers there to guard it
- They were sure no one could steal Jesus' body & pretend He had come back to life
- For 3 days, tomb was quiet; on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day women gathered early in the morning