

Sunday School Lesson: Jesus Saves His Sheep

Source essay: `Predestination All and a Definite Gospel.md`

Age: 3-6 years old

Length: 25-35 minutes

Main truth: Jesus truly saves His people and will not lose His sheep.

Memory verse: "The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." - John 10:11, KJV

Teacher's Big Idea

This essay explains definite atonement and the harmony of the gospel offer with God's saving purpose. For little children, keep it warm and clear: Jesus is the Good Shepherd, He laid down His life for His sheep, and He keeps them safe.

Supplies

- A Bible
- A shepherd picture
- A lamb picture
- A cross picture
- Coloring supplies
- Cotton balls

Opening Question

Ask: "What does a good shepherd do for sheep?"

Let children answer. Then say: "Today we will learn this truth: Jesus truly saves His people and will not lose His sheep."

Bible Time

Hold up the Bible and say: "God's Word tells us the truth about Jesus and His saving work."

"The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." - John 10:11, KJV

Explain: "Jesus truly saves His people and will not lose His sheep."

Repeat-after-me phrase:

"Jesus saves His sheep."

Simple Teaching

1. Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

Teacher say: "Jesus knows His sheep and loves them."

Child repeat: "Jesus is my Shepherd."

2. Jesus Gave His Life

Teacher say: "Jesus died on the cross to save His people."

Child repeat: "Jesus saves His sheep."

3. Jesus Keeps His Sheep

Teacher say: "Jesus does not forget or lose His people."

Child repeat: "Jesus keeps me safe."

Object Lesson

Show the shepherd and lamb pictures together.

Say: "A good shepherd knows which sheep belong to him."

Hold up the cross picture and say: "Jesus saves His sheep by giving His life for them."

Movement Activity

- "Jesus is my Shepherd." Make crook shape with one arm.
- "Jesus saves His sheep." Make a gentle cross with arms.
- "Jesus keeps me safe." Give a gentle self-hug.
- "Hear His voice." Cup hand to ear.
- "Follow Jesus." Take a step forward.

Repeat once with the children.

Short Story Illustration

Caleb loved the little lamb picture in his story Bible because the shepherd always stayed close.

He asked his teacher why the shepherd never left the lamb behind.

She told him that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He gave His life for His sheep and keeps them safe forever.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the main truth today?

Expected answer: Jesus truly saves His people and will not lose His sheep.

2. What should we remember?

Expected answer: Jesus saves His sheep.

3. Who helps God's people?

Expected answer: Jesus.

4. Is God's Word true?

Expected answer: Yes.

5. What should we do?

Expected answer: Trust and obey the Lord.

Craft or Table Activity

Glue cotton balls onto a paper lamb and write: "Jesus saves His sheep."

Closing Prayer

Our Father in heaven, thank You for Your true Word and for the Lord Jesus Christ. Help us believe Your promises, love what is true, and walk in faith and obedience. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Parent Take-Home Line

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who saves His sheep and keeps them safe.