

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 145: CHRIST'S SACRIFICE IS FORETOLD
ISAIAH 53:2-12

He was always close to the Lord. He grew up like a young plant, like a root growing in dry ground. There was nothing special or impressive about the way he looked, nothing we could see that would cause us to like him. People made fun of him, and even his friends left him. He was a man who suffered a lot of pain and sickness. We treated him like someone of no importance, like someone people will not even look at but turn away from in disgust. The fact is, it was our suffering he took on himself; he bore our pain. But we thought that God was punishing him, that God was beating him for something he did. He was wounded for our transgressions, which means he was being punished for what we did. He was crushed because of our guilt. He took the punishment we deserved, and this brought us peace. We were healed because of his wounds and pain. We had all wandered away like sheep. We had gone our own way. And yet the LORD put all our guilt on him. He was treated badly, but he never protested. He said nothing, like a lamb being led away to be killed. He was like a sheep that makes no sound as its wool is being cut off. He never opened his mouth to defend himself. He was taken away by force and judged unfairly. The people of his time did not even notice that he was killed. But he was put to death for the sins of his people. He had done no wrong to anyone. He had never even told a lie. But he was buried among the wicked. His tomb was with the rich. But the LORD was pleased with this humble servant who suffered such pain. Even after giving himself as an offering for sin, he will see his descendants and enjoy a long life. He will succeed in doing what the LORD wanted. After his suffering he will see the light, and he will be satisfied with what he experienced. The Lord says, "My servant, who always does what is right, will make his people right with me; he will take away their sins. For this reason, I will treat him as one of my great people. I will give him the rewards of one who wins in battle, and he will share them with his powerful ones. I will do this because he gave his life for the people. He was considered a criminal, but the truth is, he carried away the sins of many. Now he will stand before me and speak for those who have sinned."

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(ISAIAH 53:2-12)

" But he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities; the
chastisement for our peace was upon him, and
with his stripes we are healed"

ISAIAH 53:5



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MEMORY VERSE:

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." ISAIAH 53:6

TRUE OR FALSE

1. There was nothing impressive or special about the way He looked. TRUE or FALSE
2. But we treated Him like someone very important. TRUE or FALSE
3. It was our suffering He took on Himself. He bore our pain. TRUE or FALSE
4. He was rewarded because of our sins. TRUE or FALSE
5. We were healed because of His wounds and pain. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Who is this prophecy about? Is it Jesus?
2. Does it say that He looked special or impressive so that people would like Him?
3. What did He take for us, so that we didn't have to take it? Was it our punishment, and our guilt?
4. What does it say we did like sheep? Was it that we all have gone astray?
5. Did He do anything to make Him deserve all this punishment?
6. What did God say He was going to do for Him because He saved all His people?

Lesson 145 Activity

We Like Sheep

Materials:

Construction Paper

Cotton Balls

Card stock (or plain white paper)

Glue sticks or liquid glue

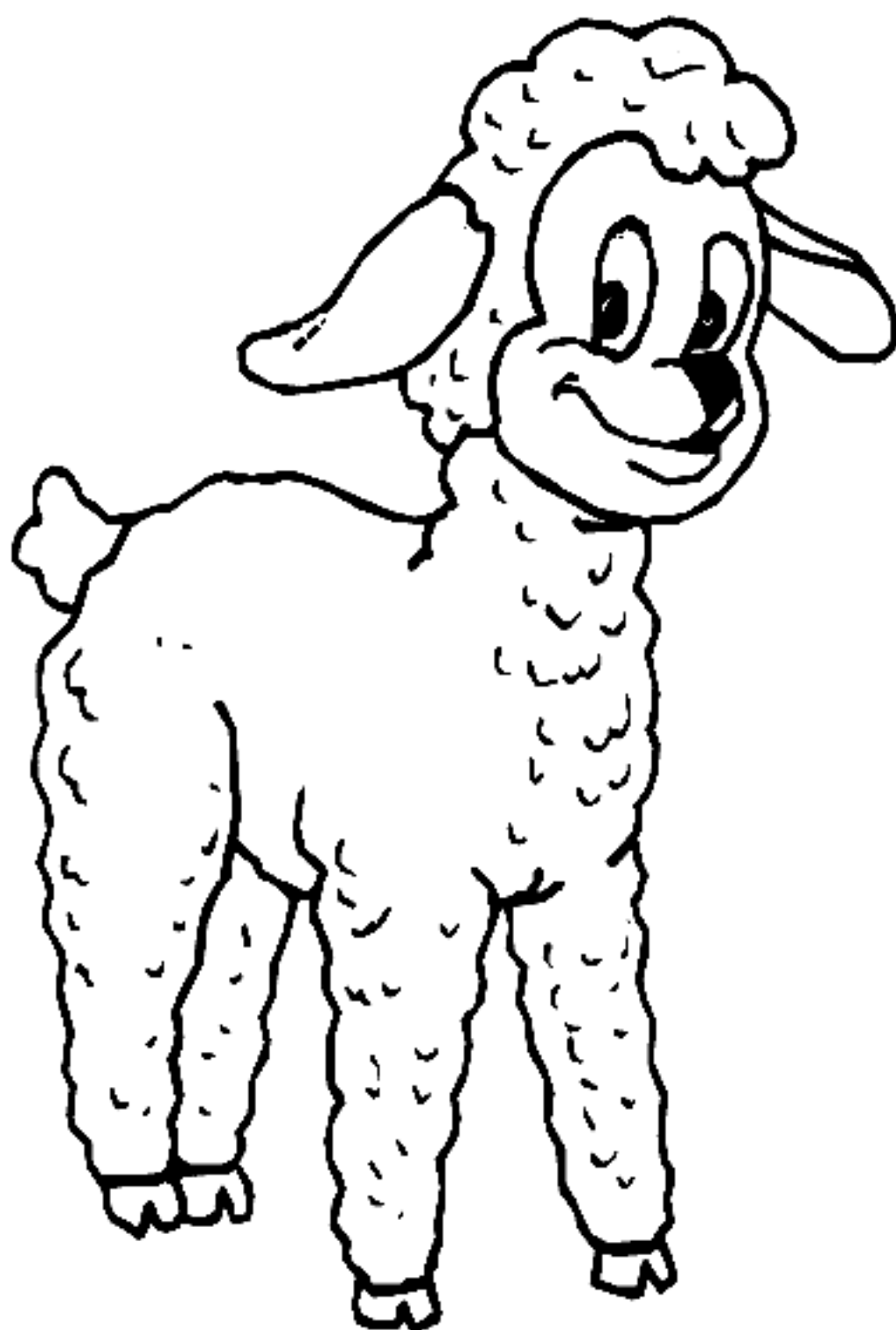
Scissors, markers

We will be making a craft to remind the children of our memory verse for today. You will need a sheep template for each child (copied onto white card stock).

Using either glue or a glue stick, glue cotton to the lamb for its coat. Next use markers to color in the rest of the lamb. Cut out the lamb and paste onto another sheet of construction paper (any color) and decorate scenery around the lamb. Next, cut out the memory verse and paste onto the construction paper.

The Bible says that all of us like sheep have gone astray. We are all sinners and in need of a Savior, Jesus. Jesus was the perfect Lamb of God who provided the way of salvation. Talk with your class about the different characteristics of sheep and how we are like them in so many ways. We need our Good Shepherd, Jesus.

PRAYER Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for the Lord giving us His sure Word and sending His Son Jesus as our Savior. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.



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