

**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 152: GOD, THE TRUE SHEPHERD**  
**EZEKIEL 34:11-31**

The Lord GOD says, "I myself will be their Shepherd. I will search for my sheep and will seek them out. If a shepherd is with his sheep when they begin to wander away, he will go searching for them. In the same way I will search for my sheep. I will save them and bring them back from all the places where they were scattered on that dark and cloudy day. I will bring them back from those nations. I will gather them from those countries and bring them back to their own land. I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the places where people live. I will lead them to grassy fields. They will go to the place high on the mountains of Israel and lie down on good ground and eat the grass. They will eat in rich grassland on the mountains of Israel. Yes, I will feed my flock, and I will lead them to a place of rest." This is what the Lord GOD said. "I will search for the lost sheep. I will bring back the sheep that were scattered and put bandages on the sheep that were hurt. I will make the weak sheep strong, but I will destroy the fat and powerful shepherds. I will feed them the punishment they deserve." This is what the Lord GOD says: "And you, my flock, I will judge between one sheep and another. I will judge between the male sheep and the male goats. You can eat the grass growing on the good land. So why do you also crush the grass that other sheep want to eat? You can drink plenty of clear water. So why do you also stir up the water that other sheep want to drink? My flock must eat the grass you crushed with your feet, and they must drink the water you stir up with your feet!" So the Lord GOD says to them: "I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the thin sheep! You push with your side and shoulder. You knock down all the weak sheep with your horns. You push until you have forced them away, so I will save my flock. They will not be caught by wild animals anymore. I will judge between one sheep and another. Then I will put one shepherd over them, my servant David. He will feed them and be their shepherd. Then I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David will be the ruler living among them. I, the LORD, have spoken. "And I will make a peace agreement with my sheep. I will take harmful animals away from the land. Then the sheep can be safe in the desert and sleep in the

woods. I will bless the sheep and the places around my hill. I will cause the rains to fall at the right time and will shower them with blessings. And the trees growing in the field will produce their fruit. The earth will give its harvest, so the sheep will be safe on their land. I will break the yokes on them and save them from the power of the people who made them slaves. Then they will know that I am the LORD. They will not be caught like an animal by the nations anymore. Those animals will not eat them anymore. No, they will live safely. No one will make them afraid. I will give them some land that will make a good garden. Then they will not suffer from hunger in that land or suffer the insults from the nations anymore. Then they will know that I am the LORD their God. The family of Israel will know that I am with them and that they are my people." This is what the Lord GOD said! "You are my flock, the flock of my pasture. You are only human beings, and I am your God." This is what the Lord GOD said.

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## EZEKIEL 34:11-31

### MEMORY VERSE:

*"You are my flock, the flock of my pasture."* EZEKIEL 34:31

### TRUE OR FALSE

1. The LORD said, "I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out."  
TRUE or FALSE
2. The LORD said He will seek out His sheep like a soldier seeks out his flock.  
TRUE or FALSE
3. God said He would bring all of His people from the other nations where they were scattered back to their own land again. TRUE or FALSE
4. The LORD said that He was going to judge between one sheep and another.  
TRUE or FALSE
5. The LORD said He would put His shepherd named Moses over his sheep.  
TRUE or FALSE

### ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Who do you think God's sheep are?
2. What did the LORD say that His sheep were doing bad? Were they trampling down the grass for others? Were they stirring up the water the other sheep were trying to drink?
3. What did the LORD say He would do between one sheep and another? Did He say He would judge them?
4. Where did the LORD say that He was going to bring His sheep? Was it back to their own land?
5. Did the LORD say that His people would then know that He was their God, and that they were His people?
6. Did He promise that good things would happen to His people when He brought them back to their own land?

## Lesson 152 Craft

### Sheep Mask

Have the children make their own sheep mask to remind them that as a Christian we are one of God's sheep. You will need a sheep mask template for each child (copied on heavy paper), scissors and yarn. Have the children cut out the sheep mask from the template (optional – copy the sheep onto light gray or light beige card stock). Next, cut out the eyes for holes in the mask for the children to see out from. Poke small holes in each ear (holes are marked on the template), and tie a piece of string or yarn onto each side of the mask. Have the children make the strings short enough so the mask can fit their heads snugly. Write the children's names on the back of the mask.

### PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving that God is such a wonderful shepherd. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.

