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☆ Let's Talk

ASK *What do you see in the picture? How do you think a good shepherd takes care of his sheep?*

SAY A good shepherd gives his sheep food, clean water, and rest. He brings back young lambs that wander off and protects the flock from wild animals. He leads them to the sheep pen at night, where they are safe from harm.

ASK Jesus said that God's children are like sheep and he is their shepherd. *How is Jesus like a shepherd and how are we like his sheep?*

SAY Just as a loving shepherd looks after his sheep, so Jesus takes care of God's people. Jesus gives them everything they need to live, and they listen to his voice and trust and obey him.

SAY Nothing can take us away from Jesus. He died on the cross to save us from our sins, he watches over us each day, and one day we will live with him forever. The Lord Jesus, our good Shepherd, is the best shepherd of all. He takes wonderful care of God's family!

☆ Let's Do an Active Rhyme

Act out the words in italic. Have the children repeat each line after you and imitate your actions.

Five little sheep sit by the sheep pen door,
One goes in and now there are *four*.
Four little sheep hop around a tree,
One skips away and now there are *three*.
Three little sheep bleat "Baa" and "Boo,"
One hides behind the shepherd and now there are *two*.
Two little sheep leaping in the sun,
One gets a drink and now there is *one*.
One sad little sheep is not having fun,
He *runs off* to the shepherd and now there are *none!*

☆ Let's Pray

Dear God, thank you that Jesus is our good Shepherd. Thank you that he died for our sins and that he takes good care of us. Please help us to trust and obey him. In Jesus' name, Amen.