

Lesson: 2.1 God loves Me

Ages 1-3

Objective:

- At the end of the lesson, the children will be able to understand what love is.
 - They will be able to understand that God loves them.
 - They can use life experience to show how God loves them.
 - Relate their life experiences to demonstrate how God's love is present in their lives.
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Welcome Time:

Engage the children in Center play or free play with table toys such as blocks, puzzles and musical songs related to the lesson of the day to get them settled for the service.

Prayer/Worship: [click here](#)

Action songs- [Jesus love is sweet and wonderful! - YouTube](#)

Bible reading: John 3:16-21, 1 John 4:9, Romans 5:8

Memory Verse: Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Bible Story Time / Teaching Time (10min)

Introduction:

1. Start with a discussion:
 - Ask children, "What do you think love means?"
 - Share examples of love they've experienced.
2. **God's Greatest Love:** Explain how God's love is special. Use **John 3:16** to introduce the idea that God loves us so much He gave His only Son, Jesus, for us.

Bible Story: The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1–7)

- Share the story of the shepherd who leaves 99 sheep to find one lost sheep. Emphasize how the shepherd's love for every sheep mirrors God's love for each of us—He never gives up on us, no matter what.
- Ask your child what they would do if they lost a series of different objects. For example, a sweet, a piece of paper, a phone or favourite toy. Speak about how we lose something of little value doesn't really bother us that much. If we lose something very precious, we get very upset and we search for it with all our strength.

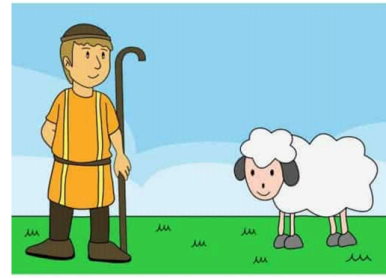


Jesus told a story about a man who had 100 sheep.

One day, as he was counting his sheep, he noticed one was missing. He was very sad.

He left the 99 sheep and went to search for the lost sheep.

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The man searched everywhere for the sheep.

He walked and walked.

He didn't give up until he found his sheep.

When He found his lost sheep, he was so happy.

He picked it up and carried it home.

He told everyone his good news.

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Discussion Questions:

- Why did the shepherd leave the 99 sheep?
- How does this story show God's love for us?
- How does it feel to know God loves you that much?
- Does God love you? (*Yes!*)
- Who does God love? (*Everyone.*)
- Can God's love ever run out? (*No!*)
- Who in your life shows you love like God does? (*Family, friends.*)

Conclusion

1. Share real-life examples to show God's love (e.g., protection, provision, family).
2. Discuss how children can share God's love with others (e.g., kindness, forgiveness).

Activity: "Find the Lost Sheep" Game

Activity 2: Sticky Sheep

Activity 3: Collecting sheep

Snack Time

Closing prayer and affirmation : [click here](#)

Prayer: Lord, I thank you for your love for me. Help me to love others like you do.
In Jesus name, Amen.

Affirmation: Encourage children to say, “God loves me, and I will share His love with others.”

Parent and Child connection [“Love- Take Home”](#)