

A Giant Adventure: Lesson 3

SuperTruth: Jesus will guide me and protect me.

SuperVerse: "My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me." John 10:27 (NLT)

Bible Story: 1 Samuel 17

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

This story will teach us about the importance of listening to Jesus' voice over all other voices. David listened to God and eventually became the king of Israel. When we listen to Jesus' voice, there is no limit to what we can accomplish!

- Select a video to have playing as children enter the Large Group room. Videos are under Resources on the top menu bar.
- Play videos in order of appearance in the Video Player or Leader Guide.
- In the Signpost Video, we will see that several things in the life of David are similar to the life of Jesus. These similarities point to Jesus like a signpost!

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: The Shepherd Says (15 minutes)

Objective: Explore the Superbook story with a game about listening and following.

- Jesus says that sheep know their shepherd's voice and will not follow strangers. Play a game where you will be sheep and follow your shepherd.

Game Instructions:

- The game is played similar to Simon Says. The sheep must decide if the command they hear is the Good Shepherd's voice OR the Stranger's voice. If it is the Good Shepherd, obey the command. But if it is the Stranger, stay perfectly still!

Teaching: David Points to Jesus (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss Signposts to Christ in the Bible Story.

- Use the Good Shepherd Sheep Cards to present David's signposts to Jesus.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- One of the ways our Good Shepherd protects us is by giving us spiritual armor found in Ephesians 6. Continue to work on learning about the armor and filling in your booklets.

SuperVerse: Superbook Familiar Voices (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the Superverse with a group activity.

- When we believe in Jesus, He is the Shepherd and we are His sheep!
- Divide the class into groups of about four children each. Have the groups take a few minutes to memorize the verse and decide how to act it out for the class.

Prayer: Psalm 23 Prayer (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- For the prayer time today, read the first part of Psalm 23, a beautiful poem David wrote.
- Jesus is our Good Shepherd and will provide all we need! The Good Shepherd is here to provide, protect and comfort you because He loves you and sacrificed His life for you! Give children time to silently pray to Jesus about a special need they may have today.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Guiding Game: Guide sheep to safety. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Object Lesson: Discuss the rod and staff. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Finding Game: Find the sheep that wandered away. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Study: Dig deeper into Psalm 23. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials

Needed:

- Make two copies of The Shepherd Says Sheet
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Teaching Materials

Needed:

- Scissors
- Tape
- Optional: toy lamb
- Handful of green grass in a clear bag
- Small container of water
- Marker
- Good Shepherd Sheep Cards
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

SuperVerse Materials

Needed:

- Poster board or whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App