

Art Extra

The Good Shepherd

Grades 1–2

Scripture Reference: John 10:11–18

Good Shepherd Care Kits

Kids design a carrying bag for a care kit that holds bandages, gauze, and cotton balls, reminding them that the good shepherd cares for them.

Spark Resources:

- None

Supplies:

- Paper lunch bags
- Crayons or markers
- Colored construction paper, including brown and red
- Sentence strips for kids to copy ("Jesus cares for us like a good shepherd."), approximately one per two kids
- Glue sticks
- Safety scissors
- Bandages
- Gauze wraps
- Cotton balls
- Real first aid kit

Set Up:

Cut a red construction paper cross and a brown construction paper shepherd's staff for kids to use as a tracer if they need it. Pre-cut 10-inch strips of gauze wrap.

Instructions:

We are learning today that Jesus is the good shepherd. Who does Jesus care for? (*his sheep*) Who are his sheep? (*We are.*) Jesus cares for us like a good shepherd cares for his sheep. We are going to make a Good Shepherd Care Kit. You can use it to care for someone, and it will remind you that Jesus cares for us like a good shepherd. Show a real first aid kit. What design does this real first aid kit have on it? What designs can remind us that Jesus cares for us like a good shepherd? (*cross, shepherd's staff, heart, sheep*)

1. Using crayons, markers, or construction paper cut-outs, decorate the outside of a paper bag as a Good Shepherd Care Kit.
2. Fill bag with bandages and gauze strips. Have kids wrap or roll the gauze before packing. Explain that wrapping gauze reminds us that Jesus wraps us in his care.
3. Add cotton balls. Share that cotton balls can give care in a real life situation, and they

can also remind us that we are the sheep for which Jesus cares.

4. Providing a written model for them to copy, help the kids write "Jesus cares for us like a good shepherd" on their care kit bags.

Direct kids to fold bags at the top, keeping care tools inside. Ask where they will place their kit at home, so that it is ready if they ever need it. Pray together, **Thank you God for giving us Jesus, who cares for us like a good shepherd.**

If you have less time. . .

Forgo construction paper cutouts and only use crayons or markers. (No paint smocks will be needed). Pack only bandages and cotton balls.

If you have more time. . .

Offer more care kit items. Small Neosporin samples, rolls of medical tape. Safety note: Be sure caregivers are aware of all contents.