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Catechist Tips: Ancient Scrolls

After looking at the Bible during the activity, young children may assume that the Bible has always been in book form.

- Explain to the children that the books of the Bible were originally written on rolled-up pieces of parchment called scrolls.
- You may wish to show the children a sheet of paper rolled into a scroll shape to illustrate the point.

Catechist Tips: Vision Impaired

Children with impaired vision may have difficulty with the maze activity (page 107), as will children whose hand-eye coordination has not yet matured.

- Construct a maze from blocks, and have the children use their sense of touch to find the correct path.
- Ask the children to think of other clues the shepherd could rely on to find the sheep. **sound, scent, touch**

Catechist Tips: Instant Puppet Theater

Give the children a “stage” where they can perform the puppet play. Simply take an inexpensive vinyl shower curtain and cut its length to 36 inches. Then, add shower hooks and place it on a tension rod that will fit the width of a doorway in the room. Place the rod with curtain in a doorway, and allow the puppeteers to stand behind it to perform their play. If no doorway is available, the rod may be placed across two chair backs or desks.

Catechist Tips: I Know Mine and Mine Know Me

Prepare a paper for each child with two large hearts and an arrow going in both directions. Proclaim

"The Good Shepherd" on page 104. Jesus says, "I know mine and mine know me." Jesus has known them their whole life and knows them better than anyone else. They belong to Jesus just as they belong to their family and Jesus loves them. Remind them that the more they learn about Jesus, the more they love him, too. Pass out the heart papers. Have them write their name on one heart and "Jesus" on the other. Let them decorate their pages.

Glossary Activity: Bible

The word *Bible* comes from the Greek words *ta biblia*, meaning "a collection of writings."

- The Bible, also known as Holy Scripture, is the message of God written in human words.

Additional Activity: Friends

This lesson teaches a folktale about friendship. Have the children learn to sing the following song to the tune of "London Bridge Is Falling Down." Have each child insert the name of a friend into the song.

(Name) is a friend of mine, friend of mine, friend of mine.

(Name) is a friend of mine, who (insert action) around with me.

Additional Activity: The Good Shepherd

Jesus as the Good Shepherd carrying his one lost sheep was one of the most popular subjects of early Christian art.

- Have the children draw a picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd with his sheep.
- When the children have finished their drawings, post them around the prayer space.

Additional Activity: Bible Story Songs

Cross-Curricular: Music

Share with the children some favorite songs based on Bible stories. Play recordings of, or teach the children to sing, one or more of these songs:

- "Rise and Shine" (Noah's Ark)
- "The Battle of Jericho" (Joshua)
- "Away in a Manger" and other Christmas carols (the Nativity)

Additional Activity: Make Bookmarks

Have the children make bookmarks to use at home in their family Bibles.

- Supply blank bookmarks or index cards and art materials.
- Write *The Bible Is God's Word* on the board or on chart paper, and have the children copy this phrase onto their bookmarks and decorate.

Parish Video Connection: Parable of the Lost Sheep

Before following the Catechist Edition instruction for *God's Word* on page 102, consider playing this

video and using the text in *God's Word* to narrate this visual depiction of the Parable of the Lost Sheep as the video plays. Then follow the Catechist Edition instructions for *God's Word*.

YouTube Link: <http://bit.ly/1I4fruM>

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