

Names of God

Huddle 14: Jehovah Rohi- *The Lord My Shepherd*



SETTING THE ATMOSPHERE

As children arrive, collect the "In" slips and see which grade they are in for their huddle teams. Remember to check all slips to make sure children are to be in Up & Out this hour.

Team Time

Each team leader (student leader) should spend time getting a conversation started within the team to find out more about each child. Spend time today discussing the following questions up front...

- What is the purpose in learning the names of God? (*Names reveal His character*) Review the names we have learned that the group can remember.
- Let's think of some strong animals. What do you think are some of the strongest animals God created? (*no wrong answers but get them thinking if they are struggling....lions, tigers and bears, oh my!*)
- Read John 10:11-16. Allow multiple children to take part in the reading, if possible.

Huddle Teams

- 1st & 2nd grade girls
- 1st & 2nd grade boys
- 3rd & 4th grade girls
- 3rd & 4th grade boys

Opening Prayer

Leader prays for the group.

LESSON HUDDLE

Let's all come over together and get started this morning. Good morning, Up & Out. Where we look up (pause for the group to respond) TO GOD and look out (Pause) TO OTHERS.

Tell me some of the strong animals you came up with in your teams. (*allow answers*)

What about a sheep? Do you think a sheep is a strong animal? Do they have sharp teeth to protect themselves? Do they climb trees to get away from other animals that could be chasing them? Sheep really don't have any of the things we think of when we think of strong animals. Instead, sheep are pretty defenseless, dependent animals.

Did you know the Bible refers to us as sheep? One of God's names is Jehovah Rohi (**rō hē**) – The Lord My Shepherd.

You read John 10:11-16 in your huddle teams. (*You may read this passage as a large group if you would like*) What does Jesus call himself in that passage? (*the Good Shepherd*)

A good shepherd takes care of his sheep. He has oil to care for their cuts and to keep bugs away. He protects his sheep. A shepherd would carry a club to beat away animals that would try to attack the sheep. Sometimes they would use a sling shot, like David. They protect their sheep.

A shepherd also carries a staff, or a crook, which is basically a long stick with a hook on the end. It would be used for many things – To dig out harmful plants in the field so the sheep wouldn't eat it and get sick, it would be used to guide the sheep, it could also be used to grab sheep to bring them back in the right direction. The shepherd leads and guides his sheep.

A shepherd also knows each sheep. When we look at sheep they all look about the same; four legs, ears, a nose and some fluffy wooly fur. Pretty much, just a sheep. (*Show a picture of a field of sheep*) See how they all look so similar.

But a shepherd knows each one, calls them by name and each one is important.

Psalm 100:3 says:

Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

We are God's sheep and He is our shepherd. That means He knows you, you are important to him, he will lead you and guide you and that he will care for you and protect you.

Let's pray and thank God for all that he does for us.

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: I am a sheep and He is my Shepherd

Materials:

Clothespins (2 per sheep)

Yarn

Cardboard cutout for body

Paint

Paintbrush

Psalm 100:3 verse labels

Notecards



Instructions:

First paint the bottom of the clothespins for legs. Students can be as creative as they would like or go with a brown or black for a more “life like” sheep.

Set the clothespin aside to dry.

Cut pieces of cardboard into bean type shapes. Approximately 3-4 inch shapes and paint one end for the sheep’s head.

When all is dry clip your painted clothespins onto the appropriate spots on the sheep. Check to make sure that it can stand up. When you have them where you want go ahead and put a dab of glue between the cardboard and the clothespin to hold it tight. While the glue is still wet slip the end of the yarn in there so it is held tight also. Start wrapping your sheep with your chosen color of yarn!

Make a tent card with either the name of God – Jehovah Rohi or with the Bible verse Psalm 100:3. The tent card can stand in front of the sheep on a dresser, bookshelf or desk to remind us we are God’s people, the sheep of His pasture.

Craft Part Two: Build a sheepfold

Materials:

Popsicle/craft sticks

Glue

Gray/brown and black markers

Cardstock

Glue the popsicle sticks to form a rectangular shape, cutting one side so that there is an entrance to the space. Color the popsicle sticks to look like rocks built together.



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