

PROP TALK A

Whole Group Leader Guide



THE BELOVED SON

1ST FOLLOW ME

directions on back

YOU'LL NEED

- Cane with rounded crook (1 per room)

2ND SAY WITH ME

all ages

Say Together: I am who Jesus says I am.

3RD QUESTIONS

age 4

- **Who said He is the good shepherd?** *Jesus*
- **Is Jesus saying He's a *real* shepherd who takes care of *real* sheep?** *No.*
- **What kind of sheep does Jesus take care of?**
People who follow Him

FOLLOW ME

directions

Prop Talk

1. **Show** cane to kids.

Say: Friends, look at my shepherd's staff! A shepherd takes good care of sheep! It reminds me of Jesus, because He is a good shepherd who takes good care of His sheep! Who do you think Jesus's sheep are?

2. Kids **respond**.

Say: Great ideas, friends! We get to be Jesus's sheep when we choose to follow Him! Jesus knows His sheep, loves His sheep, and does what is best for them. Now tell me what a sheep says!

3. Kids **respond**.

Say: Baa! Baa! You're good at being sheep! Now, let's pretend I'm a good shepherd. When I call your name, you can pretend to be a sheep and come line up by me.

4. **Call** a kid by name to be your sheep.

5. Kids **pretend** to be a sheep saying, "**Baa, baa,**" and line up by you. **Note:** *If any kids don't want to pretend to be a sheep, they may stay seated.*

6. **Repeat** steps 4 and 5 until all kids who want to pretend to be your sheep are lined up by you.

Say: Okay, my little sheep, let's go on a sheep walk! Follow me!

7. **Walk** around your room with kids following you, still pretending to be your sheep.

8. **Encourage** them as they follow you, using their names. Examples:
"Jesus loves you, (child's name)!"
"Jesus takes care of you, (child's name)!"
"Jesus knows you, (child's name)!"

9. Seat kids back in their small groups after their "sheep walk."

10. **Say** "Say With Me" listed on the front.

11. For age 4, **ask** "Questions" listed on the front.