The Parable of the Good Shepherd and the Lost Sheep - John 10:1-9, Luke 15:1-7

I wonder how the sheep feel with the Good Shepherd?
I wonder how the Good Shepherd feels about the sheep?
I wonder how the sheep feel when they hear the shepherd's voice?
I wonder why the sheep choose to follow the shepherd?
I wonder what the shepherd thought when he discovered one of his sheep was lost?
I wonder how the sheep felt when he was lost?
I wonder how the shepherd felt when he found the lost sheep?
I wonder if you have ever been lost?

PRESCHOOL RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

Sheep Masks or Puppet

Make a sheep mask out of a paper plate. For younger kids, cut a circle
about the size of their face out of the middle of the plate. Cut two long, rounded ears out
of construction paper and glue or staple them to the plate. Let them glue cotton balls all
over their plate. For older preschoolers, cut eye-holes and let them draw a mouth and
nose before adding their cotton balls. Tape a craft stick to the back for a handle; if you
don't have one, they can simply hold the mask at the bottom. You could use your masks
to be sheep in the following Lost Sheep activity.

The Lost Sheep

Play a game of hide and seek with your entire family, taking turns being the lost sheep
and the shepherd. Each time the shepherd finds the sheep, circle around the sheep in a
tight huddle and pray for them. "Thank you, God for being our shepherd and loving
_____. Thank you for protecting and caring for _____ each day. Help _____ be a
faithful sheep and follow you in every way."

ELEMENTARY RESPONSE ACTIVITY

We are the Sheep!

At Highland, our elders are the people who lead our church. They are also called
shepherds because they take care of the people in our faith community. We are their
"sheep." They do important work at Highland. Sometimes the work is easy and joyful,
other times it is difficult and sad.

Write an encouraging note to our elders. They will enjoy hearing from your family. Their names can be found on the Highland website, and their addresses are on REALM.