



Activity Time

What you need: A copy of the “Lost is Found” activity, scissors, glue and cardstock.

Preparation

1. Glue the “lost sheep” pages to cardstock.
2. Cut out.
3. Glue the two “lost sheep” halves together, leaving legs free so that it can stand up.
4. Choose five places to hide clues. Write a clue to each hiding place on the back of each correct answer. Example:

M- To find the next clue look in the hall closet.
(Place question E and answers in the hall closet.)

E- To find the next clue take twenty steps east and twelve steps south.
(Place question R and answers 20 steps east and 12 steps south of hall closet.)

R- The next clue can be found in a spot where food is kept cold but not frozen.
(Place question C and answers in the refrigerator.)

C- To find the next clue solve the riddle: What gets wet when drying?
(Place question Y on a towel.)

Y- To find the “lost sheep” answer “Who am I?”
“As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.” (John 10:15)
(Hide the “lost sheep” behind a picture of Jesus.)

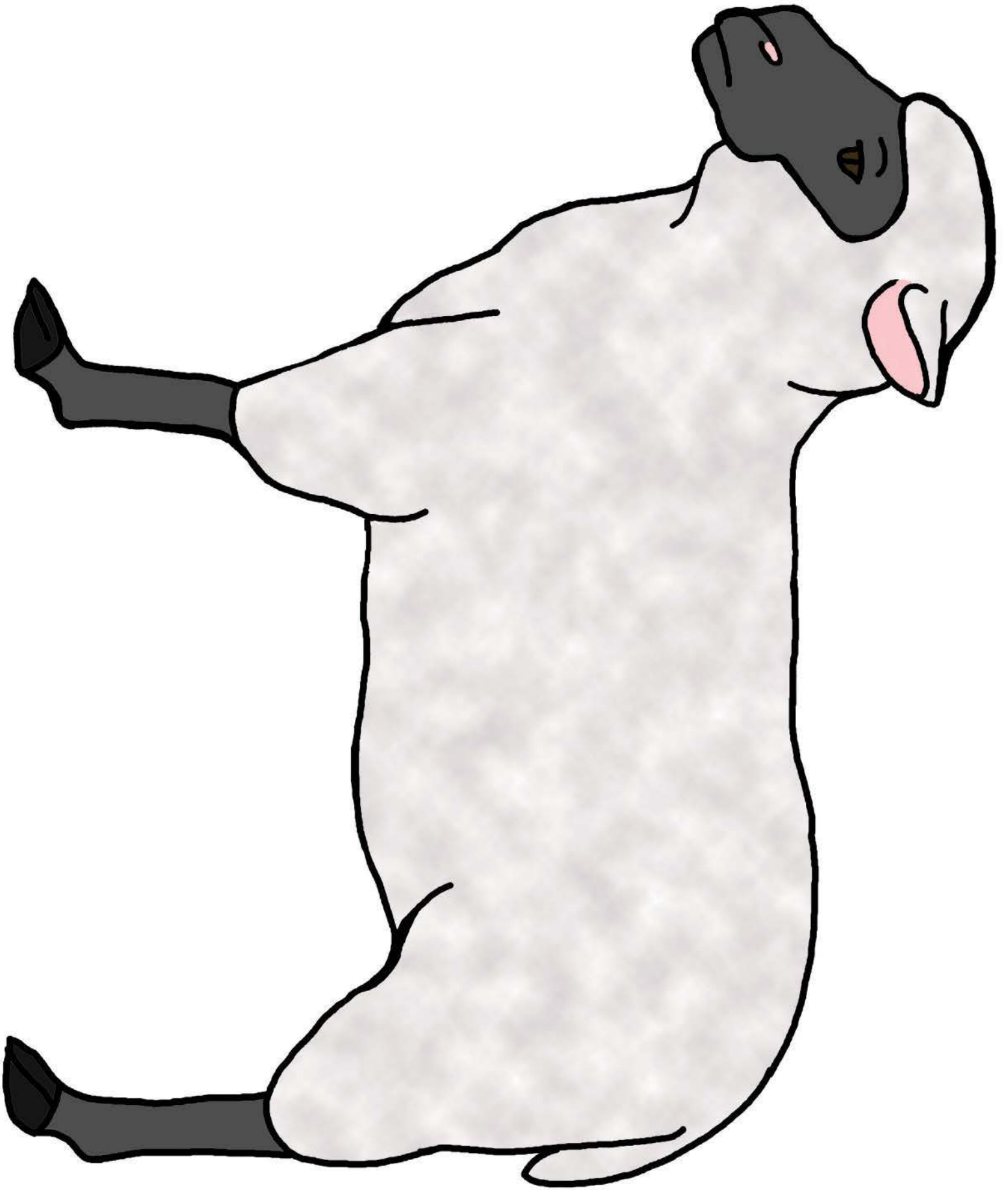


Activity:

(Younger children will need help from an older sibling or parent.)

1. Read: “How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?” (Matthew 18:12)
2. Explain that there is a lost sheep somewhere in your house that you need to find.
3. Play the “Lost is Found” activity by reading the questions and following the “treasure hunt” of clues.
4. Put the questions together to spell MERCY. Ask: What do we need to have to find “lost sheep”?
5. Read: “And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.” (Matthew 18:13)
6. Ask: Why do we celebrate when we help bring the sheep who have gone astray back to the fold? (Discuss ideas.)





Mike made the city baseball team and his games will be on Sunday. What should you do?

M-1. Invite him to come to church with you after the season is over.

M-2. Tell him that you won't be his friend if he is going to play ball on Sunday.

M-3. Invite him to come to church with you and to play church baseball instead.

Erin just moved into the neighborhood and she is angry because she didn't want to leave her friends. When you went to welcome her to the neighborhood she wouldn't even talk to you. What should you do?

E-1. Keep trying to be her friend.

E-2. Tell her that she won't have any friends if she's going to act like that.

E-3. Never talk to her again.

Robert quit going to primary because Kurt told everyone that they would get cooties if they sat by him. What should you do?

R-1. Tell him that he shouldn't let Kurt keep him from church and he should be more forgiving like Jesus was.

R-2. Tell him you understand how he feels and you're sorry Kurt hurt his feelings. Then invite him to sit by you at church.

R-3. Don't do anything or Kurt might be mean to you next.

Caleb pushed you for no reason. What should you do?

C-1. Respond with kindness and forgive him.

C-2. Push him down.

C-3. Tell him that you'll forgive him only if he apologizes.

Yolanda has started swearing when she's at school because she thinks it makes her more grown up. What should you do?

Y-1. Start swearing, too, so she'll still be your friend.

Y-2. Stop being her friend.

Y-3. Tell her how much her friendship means to you and that you wish she wouldn't swear around you.