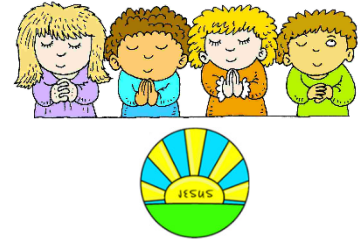




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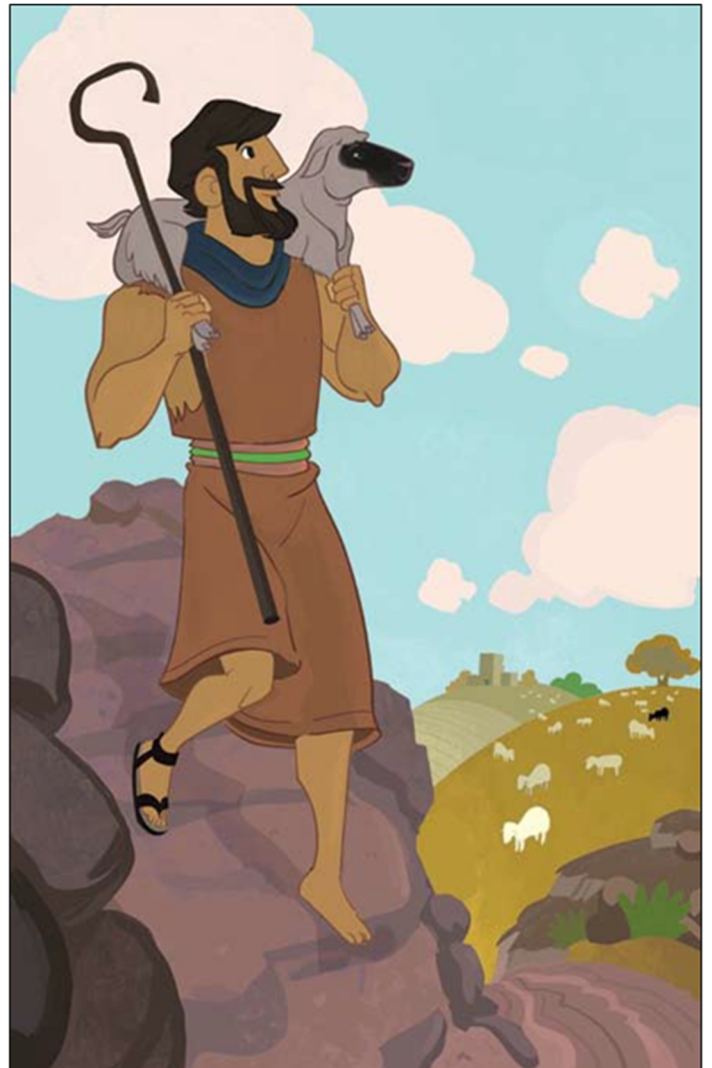
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Jesus tells us the story of the lost sheep in the Bible (Luke 15:3-7). Jesus told this story to let us know that God loves and cares for each one of us deeply. If we were the lost sheep, Jesus would leave the 99 and come looking just for us - just for you and me and just for every child and youth who is persecuted for loving Jesus - because we are all precious to Him.



Can you find 13 differences between these two pictures of the good shepherd finding the lost sheep? Circle the 13 things that are different in the right picture. (Answer sheet at the end but no peeking yet!)





Dear Jesus,

Please let every child and youth who is bullied, attacked, rejected, hurt and abused because they believe in and follow

You be filled with Your life-changing love. Speak to their hearts and minds so they hear you saying you know each one of them by name - you see them and you are with them whatever is happening. Help them hear or read the story of the lost sheep and remember that you would leave the 99 and go searching to find each one of them. Let them realise that each one is so special to You and You love every one of them uniquely and passionately. Amen.



Dear Jesus,

Be with all children and youth who cannot go to school because they and their families are Christians. Maybe they cannot

afford to pay for the books, equipment or uniforms because their parents are pastors and do not get a lot of money. Maybe it is too dangerous for the children to go to school as they might be kidnapped, attacked or hurt. Pour Your great strength and love into these youngsters' hearts and minds. Make a way so that they can get a good education and their dreams can come true!



Protect Christian children, dear Lord, who do go to school from being beaten, killed, ridiculed and rejected by children and teachers. Let them be treated fairly by the teachers. Help them have friends who care for them and bring them joy. Let them know You are their best friend and You will never leave them - their whole life through. Thank You Jesus. Amen.



Unscramble the words to work out and write this month's Bible verse. (Answers at the end).

"ouY rea ym odG. uYo igbnr hlitg

tnio ym ksedsran." (mPasl 18:28b)



Dear God,

Shine the light of Your love into every child and youth who suffer because they and their families love You. Shine Your light into every part of their lives so that their fear changes to bravery, their despair turns to great hope and their sadness becomes overwhelming joy. Keep them safe by Your Almighty power and presence with them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Dear God,

Be very close to the Christian children in Tanzania whose Mums and Dads have moved to non-Christian areas to help share the love of Jesus. Help them make friends and have times of fun and laughter. Let them not feel lonely, worried or scared but talk to You and be filled with Your presence, love and happiness. Protect them from being hurt - verbally and physically. Help their parents build good friendships with their non-Christian neighbours. Keep them all safe in Your loving arms. Amen.



How many words can you make out of the word:

shepherd ?

Use each letter once and use words which have 1 letter and more.



"You are my God. You bring light into my darkness."
Psalm 18:28b