## **Preschool Families**

Unit 9, Lesson 43: Ezekiel and the Sheep

**Lesson Aim:** To know God will care for us like a shepherd cares for his sheep.

Bible Story: Ezekiel 34:6, 11-15, 31

What He Has Done: God showed Ezekiel that we are like sheep and He is the shepherd.

1. <u>Whisper Verse</u>: "The Lord is my shepherd," Psalm 23:1. SIGN LANGUAGE: "The Lord is my shepherd." (For visual demonstrations, see (<u>www.signingsavvy.com</u>.) Each time we say today's Whisper Verse, let's say it with three hand motions:

"(The) Lord" Extend thumb and index finger of right hand to create an "L" shape.

Bring "L" shape diagonal across chest from the left shoulder to the

right hip as a royal sash.

"(is) my" Move "L" hand shape across from the left shoulder to the right hip

as a royal sash.

"shepherd." With the right hand, separate and extend the index and middle

fingers with the rest of the hand closed to create a "V" shape. Brush the "V" shape along the left forearm two times, create the letter "V" shape with the left hand, and place the right-hand "V" shape gently

on top of the left-hand "V" shape.

- 2. Watch Delbert & Lello: https://vimeo.com/275132991
- 3. **PONDER!** Read Ezekiel 34:6, 11-15, 31 with your family
  - a. What were the sheep doing?
  - b. Who searched for them? Who rescued the sheep?
  - c. How will the Lord take care of them?
  - d. The Lord is your shepherd.
  - e. This Bible story is about how the Lord will take care of you.
- 4. **PRAY!** Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, thank You for being my shepherd. I know You will always take care of me. Amen."
- 5. **PLAY!** "Gather the Sheep!" Scatter cotton balls on the floor and pretend they are sheep. Place a basket in the middle of the floor for the sheep pen. Pretend you and your family are shepherds and gather the sheep in the pen. Talk about what shepherds do to take care of their sheep. How does the Lord take care of you?
- 6. **Unit 9 Bible Memory Verse:** "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Psalm 150:6

## Song: