



Woolly Lamb

Requirements

1. Listen to a book about lambs.
2. Say three things you learned about lambs.
3. Play a game about lambs.
4. Make a lamb craft

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Supporting Answers

If you can create an experiential environment for this award, it will be remembered for a long time by many of the children. Using a lamb hand puppet to tell about lambs, to talk to the children about lambs, to read the story etc will go far (available online). Dressing up in “shepherds robes” or by a “shepherd’s campfire” also help experiential learning take place.

1. There are several books about lambs in print and online. The Bible App for kids is a free online graphically illustrated book that can be read or listened to. (app store “Bible children youversion”) This is an EXCELLENT resource with well-done graphics and is very interactive. The Story of the Nativity - “The First Christmas Gift” includes lambs in the story. As of 2017, StoryJumper.com had this cute story about a Lion and a Lamb.
2. Some methods: Have a color poster/large picture of a sheep and lamb. Do a touching, listening, talking time where you ask the children to notice things about lambs. Ex. lambs are smaller than sheep. Lambs are fluffy white. Lambs are babies. Lambs drink their momma’s milk. Lambs don’t hatch from eggs. Jesus talks about lambs in the Bible (great opening for a Bible story about ‘The

Good Shepherd’ - John 10:1-18 If you have the “little lamb puppet” (as suggested) use the little lamb to talk with the children about the information in this requirement.

Some things we can learn:

- a. Baby sheep are called lambs.
- b. Most lambs are born in Spring
- c. Lambs are most often born as twins. Even though some ewes have single lambs or triplets, twins are the most common.
- d. Lambs will drink their mother’s milk until they are around four months old. They begin nibbling on grass, grain and hay starting at two weeks of age. Lambs can be bottle fed if they are orphaned or their mother had several at one time and cannot feed them all.
- e. Lambs are born with long tails.
- f. The lamb is shorn (hair cut off - it doesn’t hurt the lamb!) for the first time when they are between seven and nine months of age. Lamb’s wool is of premium quality and may be in high demand for spinning into yarn. This yarn can then be used to make scarves, hats, sweaters and other garments.

- g. Up to 20 percent of newborn lambs can die soon after birth unless they are given improved conditions.
3. You can adapt from children's games (tag, Simon Says, etc.) or create your own. The important part is that the four-year olds are ABLE to accomplish the game task AND that the game doesn't require reading in order to play it. Search online using the following search: "children's games about lamb sheep"

Teaching idea: Shepherd Says (Simon Says style)

Shepherd Says (take-off from Simon Says) The children are lambs and all stand in a row. The shepherd (leader) gives commands like "Shepherd says stand on one leg" or "shepherd says stick out your tongue," and everyone follows the command. The shepherd keeps giving simple commands. The shepherd sometimes doesn't use the phrase "shepherd says" which means the children should NOT do that action. If the shepherd doesn't say "shepherd says" but the child still does the action, then the child comes and stands next to the shepherd. The last two lambs following directions win. Discussion can go to John 10:1-18 where Jesus is our shepherd. We shouldn't listen to other shepherds (temptation/the Devil) but should only listen to what our Good Shepherd, Jesus says.

Teaching Idea: Shepherd Says (Captain Says style)

The Shepherd Says (take-off from The Captain Says) The leader is the "shepherd" and calls out commands to the "sheep". If the sheep do not follow the directions, they can be chased and tagged by the "wolf". Examples of commands are: "follow me" (follow the leader), "green pastures" (sheep scatter to "eat"), "still waters" (sheep line up to "drink" at river), wolf howl (sheep huddle together).

4. The Goal is to choose a simple craft that is affordable, cute, but CHILD centered. That means that the child can do most of the steps themselves, with simple guidance for their adults. Crafts that require the adult to do most of the work are NOT appropriate for this activity.

Search online: "children's craft about lamb sheep"

A site of Christian Lamb crafts

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/animals/lambs.htm>

Teaching Idea: Booklet Lamb Glue and Color

Using the diagram in the Activity book, have children color the face and feet, then using children's glue, attach cotton puffs or other fluffy white objects to the "wool" area of the lamb.

Teaching Idea: Hand-print Lamb

Trace the child's hand on black construction paper. Add eye dots (tiny wiggly eyes or white paint with a black dot in the middle) to the THUMB. The other four fingers are the feet. Add white cotton, fluffy white seeds, or other white fuzzy to the "palm" portion of the hand cut-out.

Teaching Idea: Toilet paper roll Lamb

Use 1-2 cardboard rolls that toilet paper or paper towel come on. Paint them black. Use one as a head (if toilet paper roll) and cut a short (2 cm) slit on one end. Roll and glue the end to make it "pointy" like a nose/snout. Attach head to body. Use natural materials (sticks) as legs, and cotton balls or other fluffy white materials to glue wool onto the body and head parts of the lamb. An adult may use a hot glue gun to attach the head and body. If using one long tube, one can simply create the pointy end on the one roll, and thus not need to attach head to body.