

The Lost Sheep Craft

Cotton ball sheep · Luke 15:1–7 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium

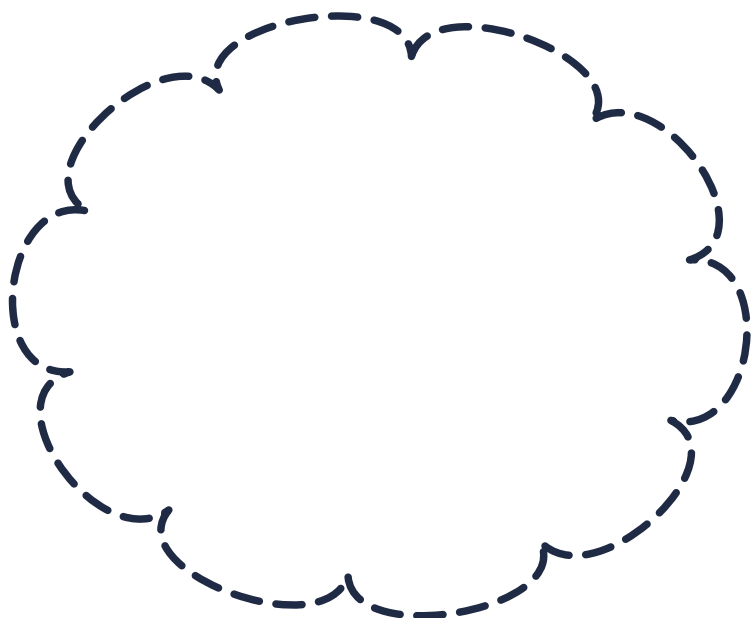
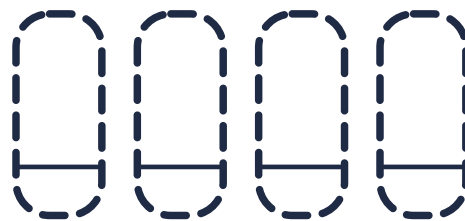


Harder

Both are a cotton-ball sheep standing in a green paper plate field. For the harder level, kids add a paper house from page 3 at the edge of the field, with a door that opens to show the friends and neighbours the man called together when he came home with his sheep.

Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



Body · head · 2 ears · 4 legs. Draw a happy face on the head.

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Luke 19:10 (KJV)

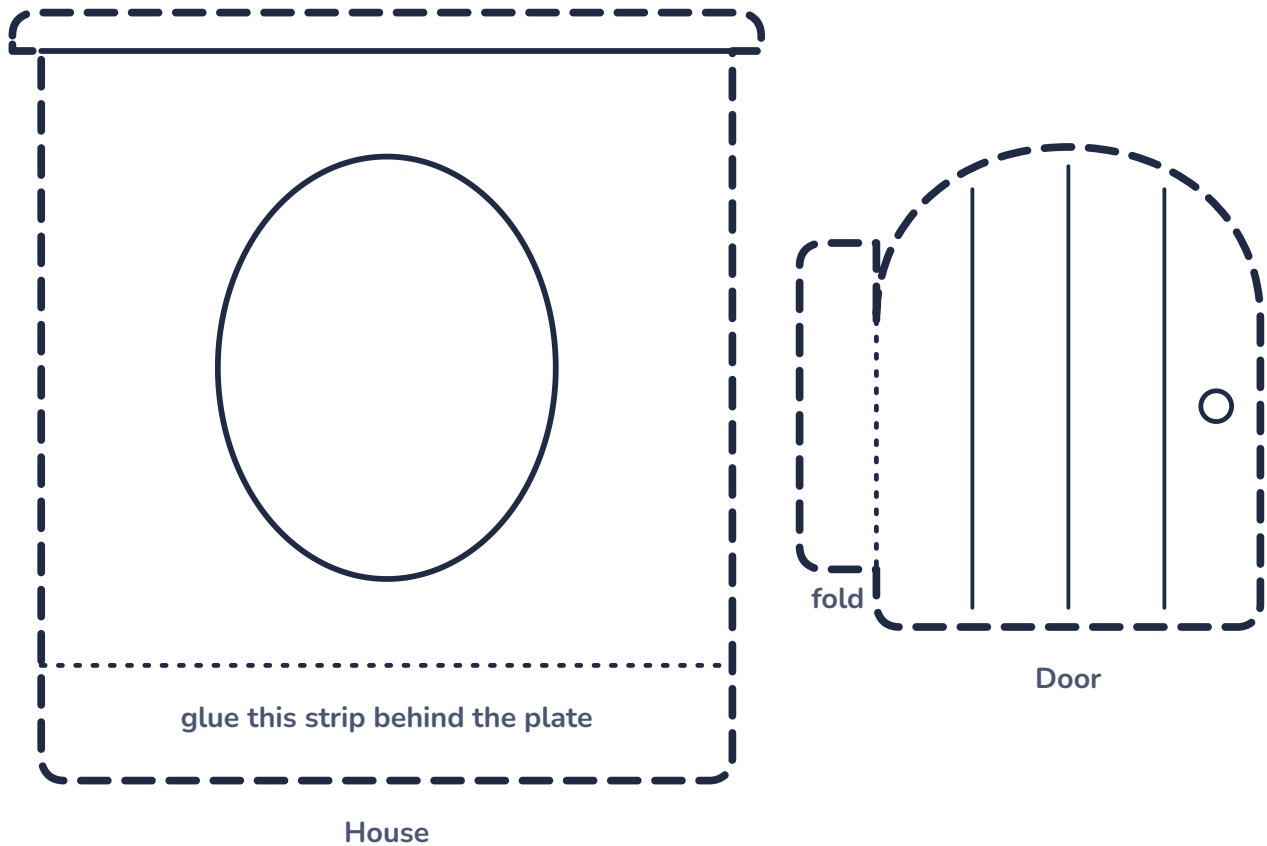
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House and door (harder level)

In the window, draw the friends and neighbours the man called together (Luke 15:6).

Fold the door's tab on the dotted line and glue only the tab, so the door opens.



1. Color the house tan or light brown and the door brown.
2. Cut out the house and the door on the dashed lines.
3. Glue the door's tab just left of the window, so the door closes over it.
4. Glue the strip behind the top right edge of your plate.
5. Open the door: "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost."

Luke 15:6 (KJV)

For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/lost-sheep-craft

Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels

You need: page 2 printed once per child, 10 to 15 cotton balls and a paper plate per child, crayons or markers, scissors, glue sticks and white school glue. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child.

Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the sheep pieces and verse strips ahead of time.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's sheep pieces and verse strip. Kids color the plate green, color the head, ears and legs and draw a happy face. Help them glue the legs behind the body and glue the sheep, head and ears onto the plate. Put dots of white glue on the body for them, and they press on the cotton balls. Glue the verse strip on the back for them and read it together.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color and cut out the pieces, color the plate green, build the sheep, cover it with cotton-ball wool and glue the verse strip on the back. This is the first craft in the photos.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the medium sheep first. Then color the house on page 3 tan or light brown and the door brown. In the oval window, draw the friends and neighbours the man called together when he came home, smiling and glad with him (Luke 15:6). Cut out the house and the door. Fold the door's tab on the dotted line, put glue on the tab only, and stick the tab just left of the window so the door closes over it. Glue the strip at the bottom of the house behind the top right edge of the plate, so the house stands at the edge of the field in front of the sheep. Open the door to show the friends and neighbours. Glue the verse strip on the back and say the verse from memory.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color the head, ears and legs black, brown or gray. Draw a happy face on the head.
2. **Cut:** cut out the body, head, ears, legs and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
3. **Field:** color the bottom side of the paper plate green.
4. **Build the sheep:** glue the tops of the legs behind the bottom of the body, then glue the sheep onto the plate. Add the head at the front of the body and the ears at the top of the head.
5. **Wool:** pull each cotton ball apart a little, then press them onto dots of white glue until the body is covered.
6. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back and read it together. Let the glue dry flat.

Questions to ask while kids work

- The man had a hundred sheep and lost one. He left the ninety and nine in the wilderness and went after the lost one until he found it (Luke 15:4). How many sheep were safe? Which one did he go looking for?
- When he found it, he laid it on his shoulders, rejoicing (Luke 15:5). How do you think the little sheep felt?
- Jesus said there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, that turns from sin back to God (Luke 15:7). God loves every person, and Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10).
- **Harder level:** when the man came home, he called together his friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost" (Luke 15:6). Open the door: who did you draw? How can we be glad with heaven when someone comes to God?

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** Son of man = a name Jesus called Himself, is come = has come, seek = look for, lost = far away from God, rejoice = be full of joy, neighbours = the old spelling of neighbors.
- **Cotton that sticks:** put the white glue on the paper, not on the cotton. A glue stick is fine for the paper pieces.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and put the glue dots on the body for them. Hold up a finished sheep so they can see the goal.
- **Harder level:** check that kids glue only the tab of the door. If the whole door gets glue on it, it won't open. Crease the fold line hard with a thumbnail first. In the window, kids can draw two or three simple smiling people.
- **Seek and find:** while the glue dries, hide one finished sheep in the room. Whoever finds it says, "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost" (Luke 15:6).
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Lost Sheep Sunday school lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/lost-sheep.