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K-6

UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Lamb

Printable Lesson Kit



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LESSON OVERVIEW



LAMB MIGHTY MESSAGES

This lesson on the origins of the cup, or chalice, used by Christ at the Last Supper will give kids some background on why Jesus was referred to as the Lamb of God, and why he often referred to people as the sheep of his pasture. They will understand more about sacrifice—both Christ’s for us and those we need to make for each other as he guides us.



How to Use the Lesson Kit:

This lesson contains many activities to help children in K-6 grade understand the subject. Feel free to fix and match activities to those that you feel will be age appropriate to your kids!



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Scripture Reading & Lesson
- Discussion Questions
- Printable Craft
- Coloring Page
- Wordsearch
- Crossword Puzzle
- Learning Lookups Journaling
- Quiz
- Reference Sheet
- Certificate of Completion
- Answer Page



MATERIALS LIST:

- An image of the lamb symbol, printed out or on your phone (or use coloring page)
- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Brown paper bags
- White cardstock
- NIV Bibles (electronic or hardcopy)



SCRIPTURE & LESSON

PASSAGE (NIV): VARIOUS PASSAGES ABOUT THE SYMBOL

Read the following excerpts as shown (NIV translation), or read from your chosen Bible translation:



John 1:29

(About John the Baptist) The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Isaiah 53:7

(About Jesus) He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.

Matthew 18:12-13

(A parable told by Jesus) "What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off..."

Questions for Children

1. John 1:29 is probably the most famous passage of scripture that speaks of Jesus as a Lamb. It is John the Baptist pointing out Jesus as the Messiah at Jesus' baptism. How would you feel if you were simply standing in a crowd and the leader of it said, "Look! There's Jesus!" What would you do? Take answers.

2. Read Isaiah 53:7 again. This is a passage from the Old Testament written more than 700 years before Jesus. It shows that the prophets of the Old Testament were aware that the Messiah would be a sacrifice for the sins of all who believe in him. This was not such an unusual concept to the Jews of Jesus' day. They had long been sacrificing sheep and lambs for their own sins. John 3:16 says it like this: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. How do we believe in Jesus and accept him as a sacrifice for our sins? Is it hard or easy? *It is simple but not always easy. It means we believe he is the Son of God and serves as this sacrifice. But it also means we agree to let him lead and guide our choices daily, for life.*

3. Read the Matthew 18 passage again. This is a famous passage that people think about when they doubt God's love for them. Have you ever felt you did something wrong that God would be mad about, maybe not forgive you? Have you ever had thoughts like God is too scary or too important, and he doesn't have time for you? What does this passage tell you about thoughts like that? *They are wrong. God loves us enough that he always wants us and will hunt us down so that we will talk to him again and be rescued from the thoughts and sins that keep us from him.*

TEACHER'S MIGHTY MESSAGE

Throughout your message, keep visible a copy of your coloring sheet containing the symbol, which you can point to.

The lamb is most often a symbol of Jesus, and sheep in the Bible are most often symbols of us. The lamb as a sacrifice for sins is a very old concept. It was with the people of Israel since shortly before they left Egypt on the Great Exodus. That occurred around 1400 BC. They sacrificed lambs for sins until around the time of the death of Jesus. People of other faiths don't see the "coincidence" here. As Jesus was considered the final and ultimate sacrifice for sins, that coincided with a political uprising and unrest. The people stopped sacrificing animals.

There are dozens of references to Jesus being a lamb in the Bible. It means he was the final sacrificial lamb, and therefore, belief in him means our sins can be totally forgiven by God.

Lambs are baby sheep. The symbol of sheep in the Bible refers to the followers of Jesus. Psalm 100:3 states, "Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture."

We are the sheep, and Jesus is our shepherd. If we get lost in our spiritual journey, he will come find us and coax us back. He will protect us from things looking to attack and devour us. He will watch us while we sleep. He will go in front of us to lead us to where we should go.

Sheep are not very bright as far as animals go. We do not expect them to be the rocket scientists of the animal kingdom. Likewise, God knows when we do not have strength within ourselves to find our way. We have a shepherd. We only have to listen for his voice and believe.



MATERIALS:

- Lamb Puppet Printable Craft (body piece optional)
- Brown Paper Bags
- White Cardstock
- Coloring Utensils
- Scissors
- Glue Stick



PREPARATION:

- Print out a copy of the printable craft for each student

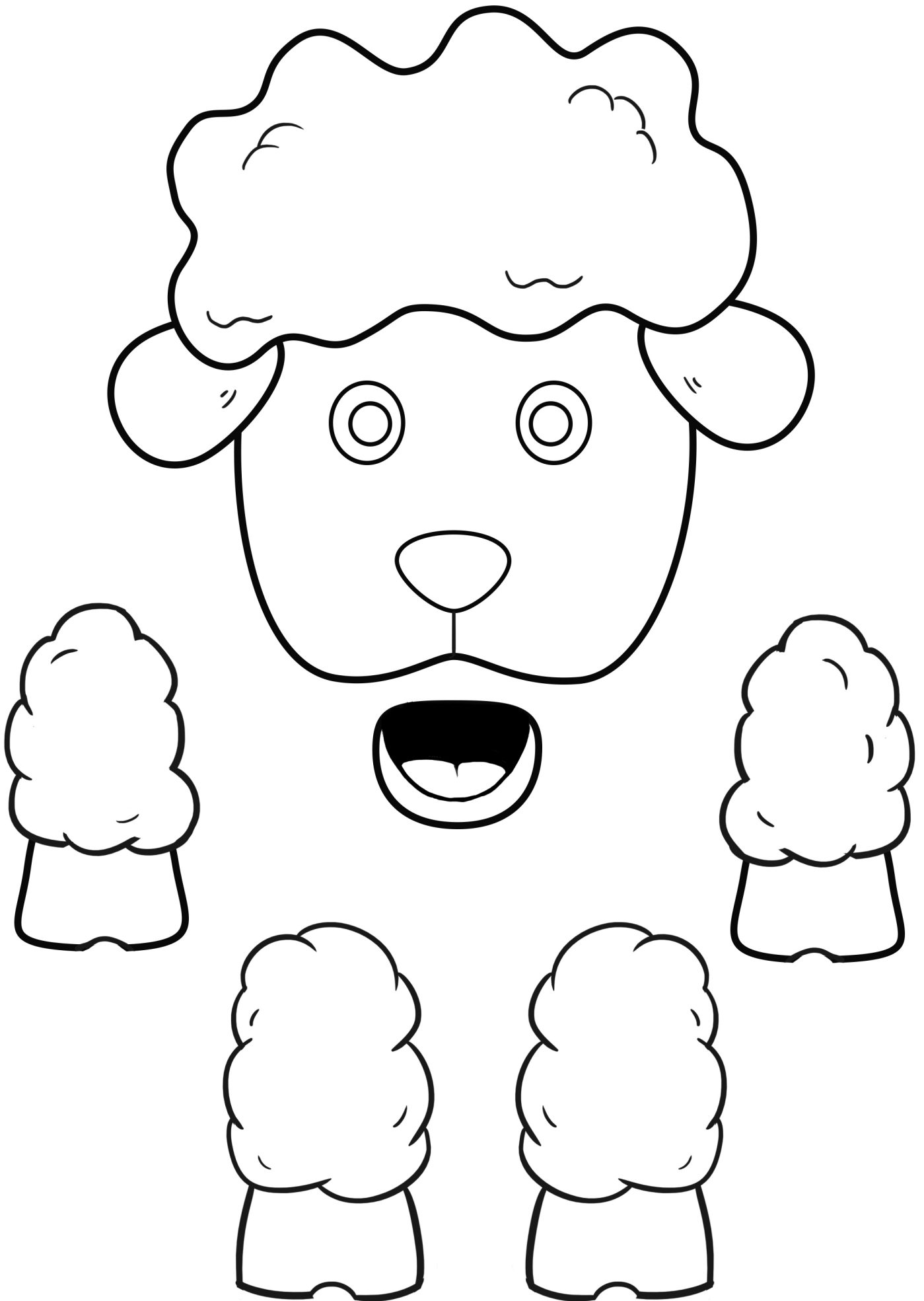
INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Color images as desired
2. Cut out Lamb Puppet Pieces
3. Find where bag folds over to one side, and glue Lamb mouth so that it shows underneath
4. Glue Head on Top of bag fold, matching up mouth pieces
5. Glue arms and legs to Bag
6. Optional: Instead of making a Puppet, you may choose to use the Lamb Body Piece and Glue Head, Mouth, Arms and Legs to Body instead of a brown Paper Bag.

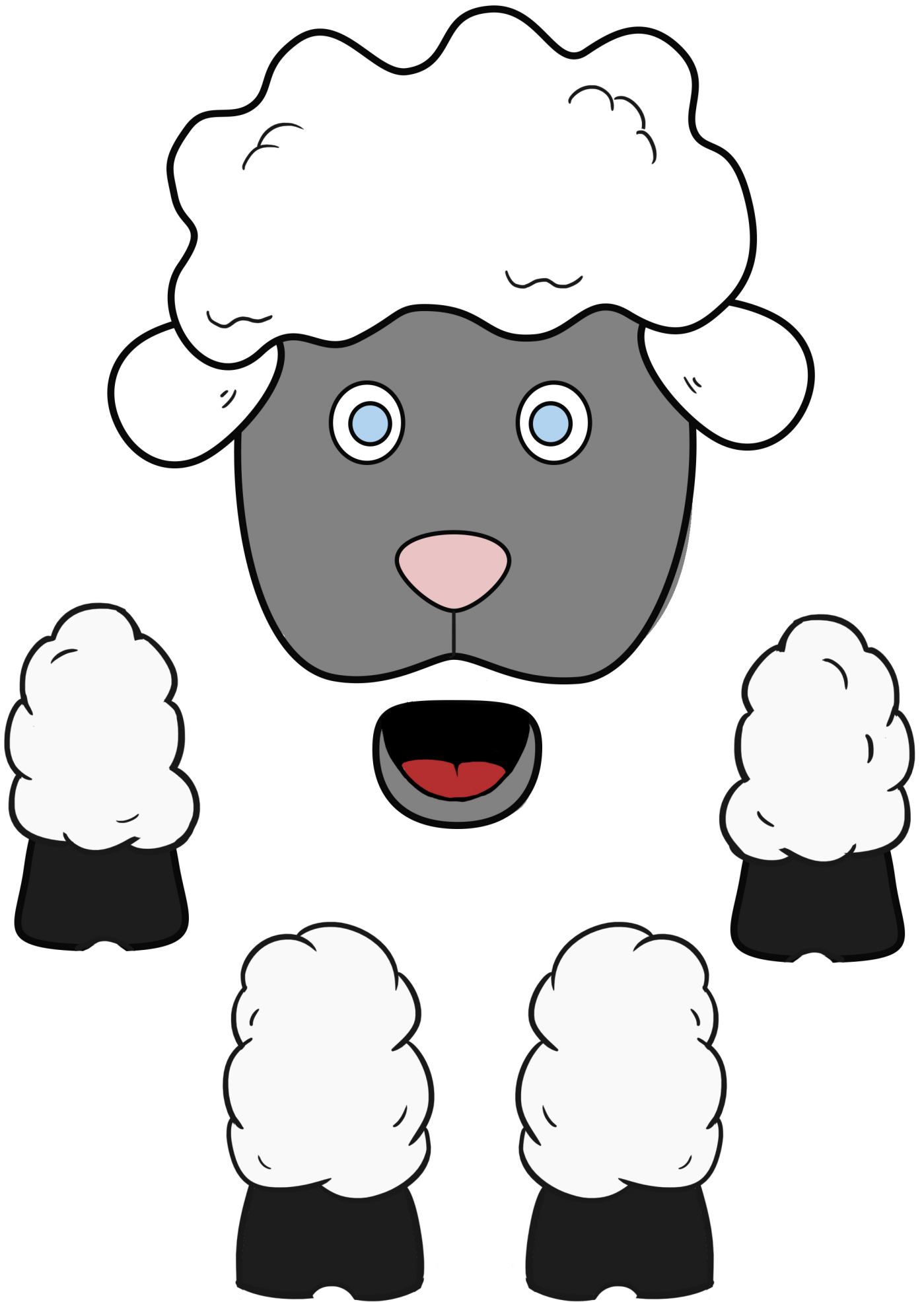
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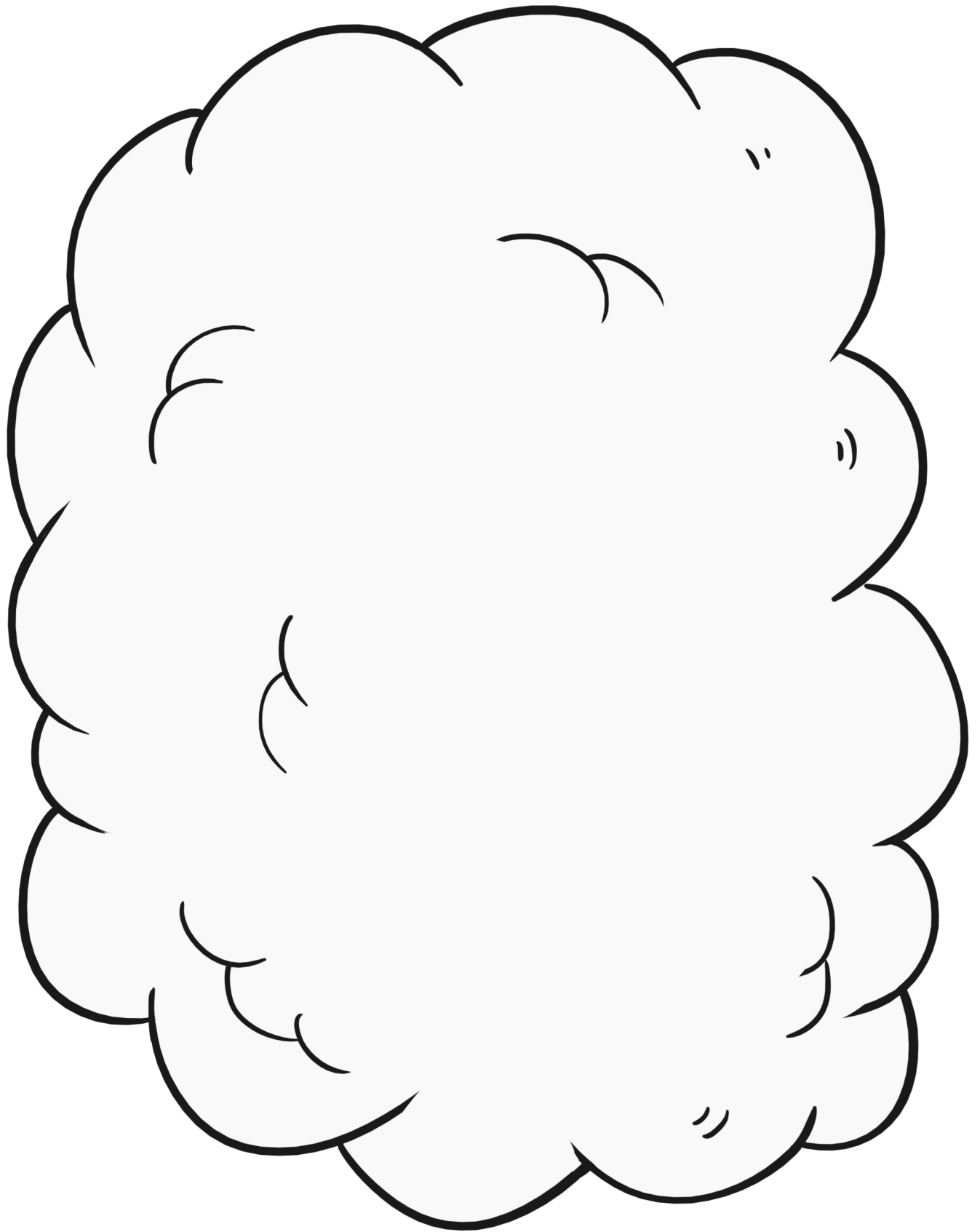
The lamb is a symbol of the crucifixion of Jesus for our sins. Accept that sacrifice and be grateful! That makes you one of Jesus' own sheep!

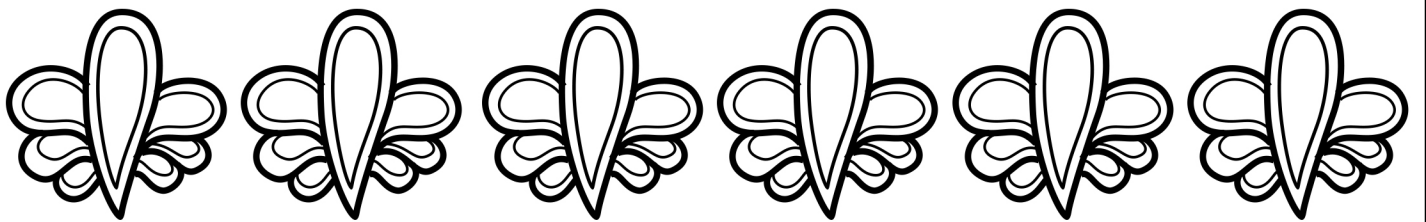
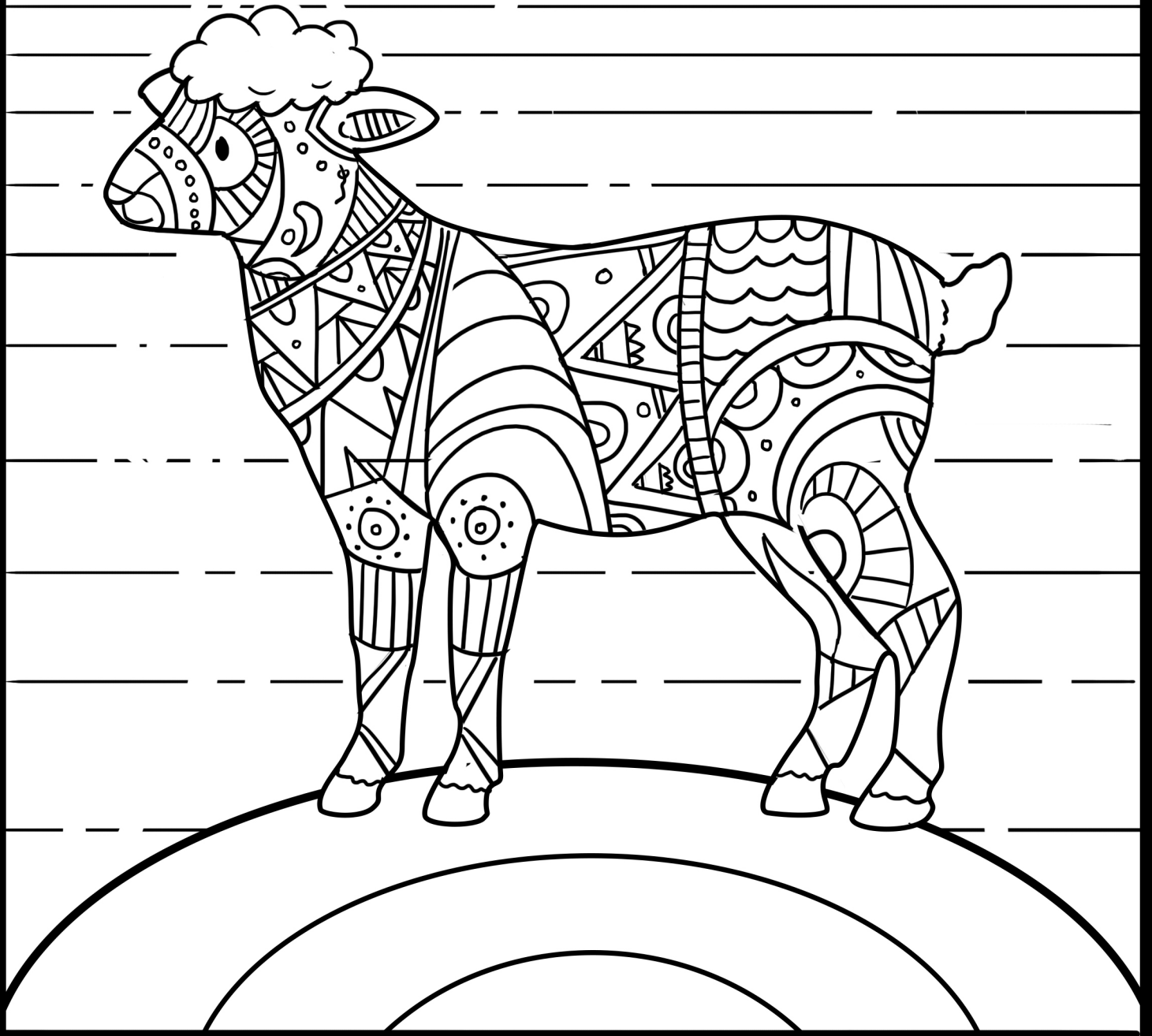
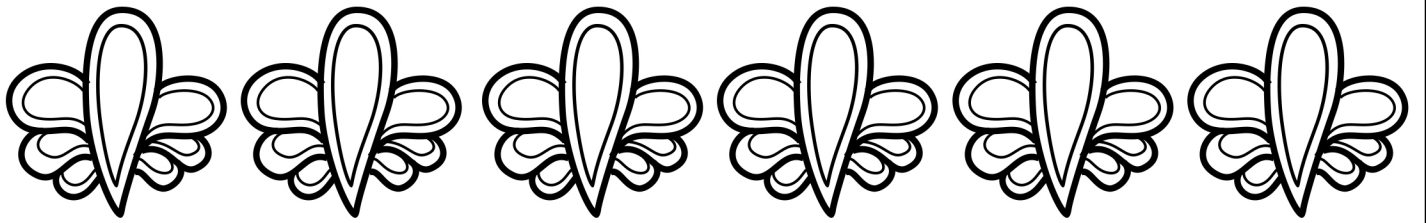














WORD SEARCH

Instructions: The sheep is one of the few animals in the Bible to be compared to Jesus. However, many are mentioned as symbols for various good and bad things. Below are just a few! See how many you can find in the word search

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I	Z	V	K	L	P	L	G	H	J	F	Y

Words to Find:

EAGLE
PEACOCK
SPARROW
BEAR

LION
CAMEL
DEER
DOG

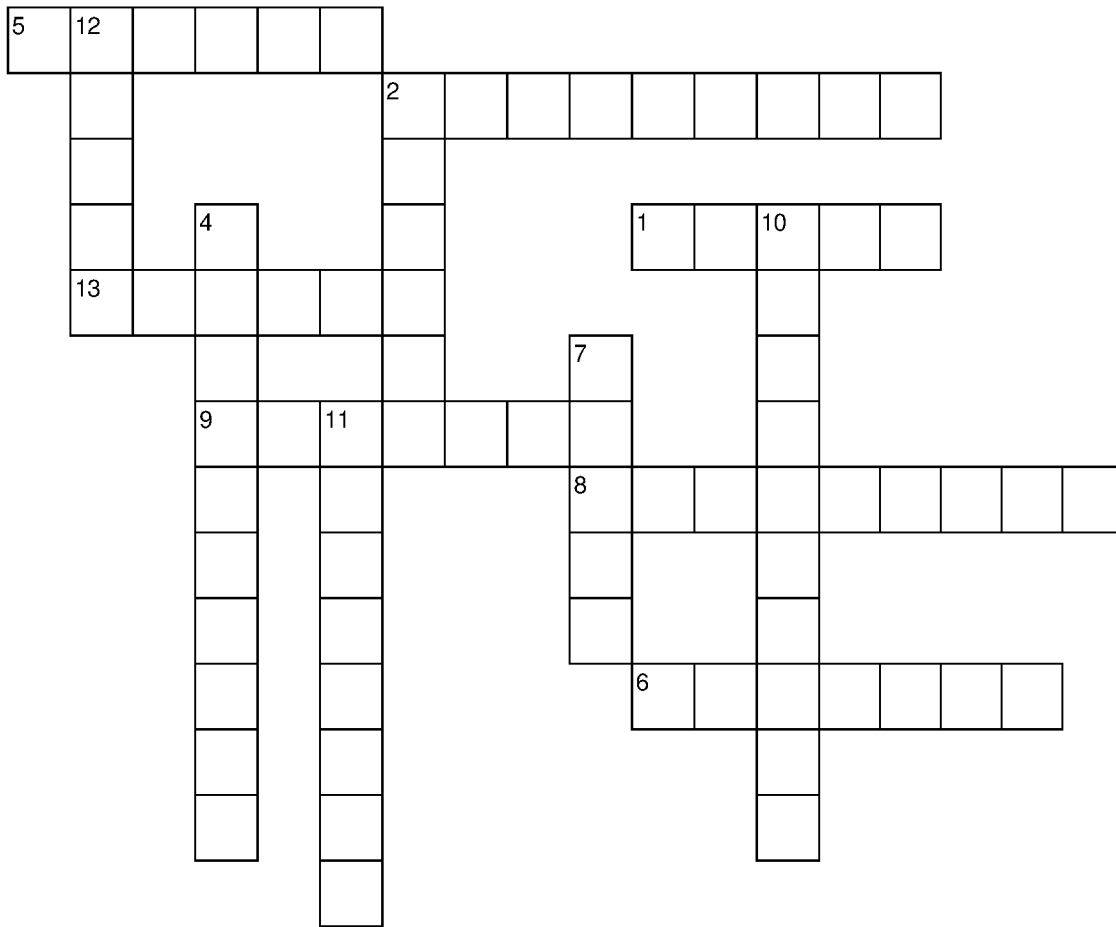
DOVE
FISH
FOX
HORSE

OSTRICH
SERPENT
SNAKE
VULTURE



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Instructions: Use your At-A-Glance Sheet, Famous Scriptures Relating to the Lamb & Sheep Symbols, to complete the answers to the crossword puzzle below.



Across

1. The Lamb of God takes away the sins of the...
2. Jesus was led like a sheep to the...
5. The scripture in Acts is a repeat of a scripture in this Old Testament book
6. The seven horns and seven eyes represent seven of these
8. According to Isaiah, the Messiah was oppressed and...
9. We are the sheep of God's...
13. It is God who made us and we are his; we are his...

Down

2. As a lamb before his shearer is...
4. Jesus felt this when he saw the crowds without a shepherd
7. Jesus will do this to ninety-nine sheep as he goes to find one lost
10. A very strange image of the lamb with lots of eyes is found in this Bible book
11. Jesus perceived people as a sheep without this
12. Jesus compares us to these animals that wander off and must be found



AT A GLANCE: FAMOUS SCRIPTURES RELATING TO THE LAMB & SHEEP SYMBOLS

Below are some of the most famous scriptures related to lambs and sheep. Some refer to Jesus. Some refer to us. Put an X next to all that symbolize Jesus.

JOHN 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

ACTS 8:32

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth."

ISAIAH 53:7

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.

REVELATION 5:6

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

MATTHEW 9:36

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

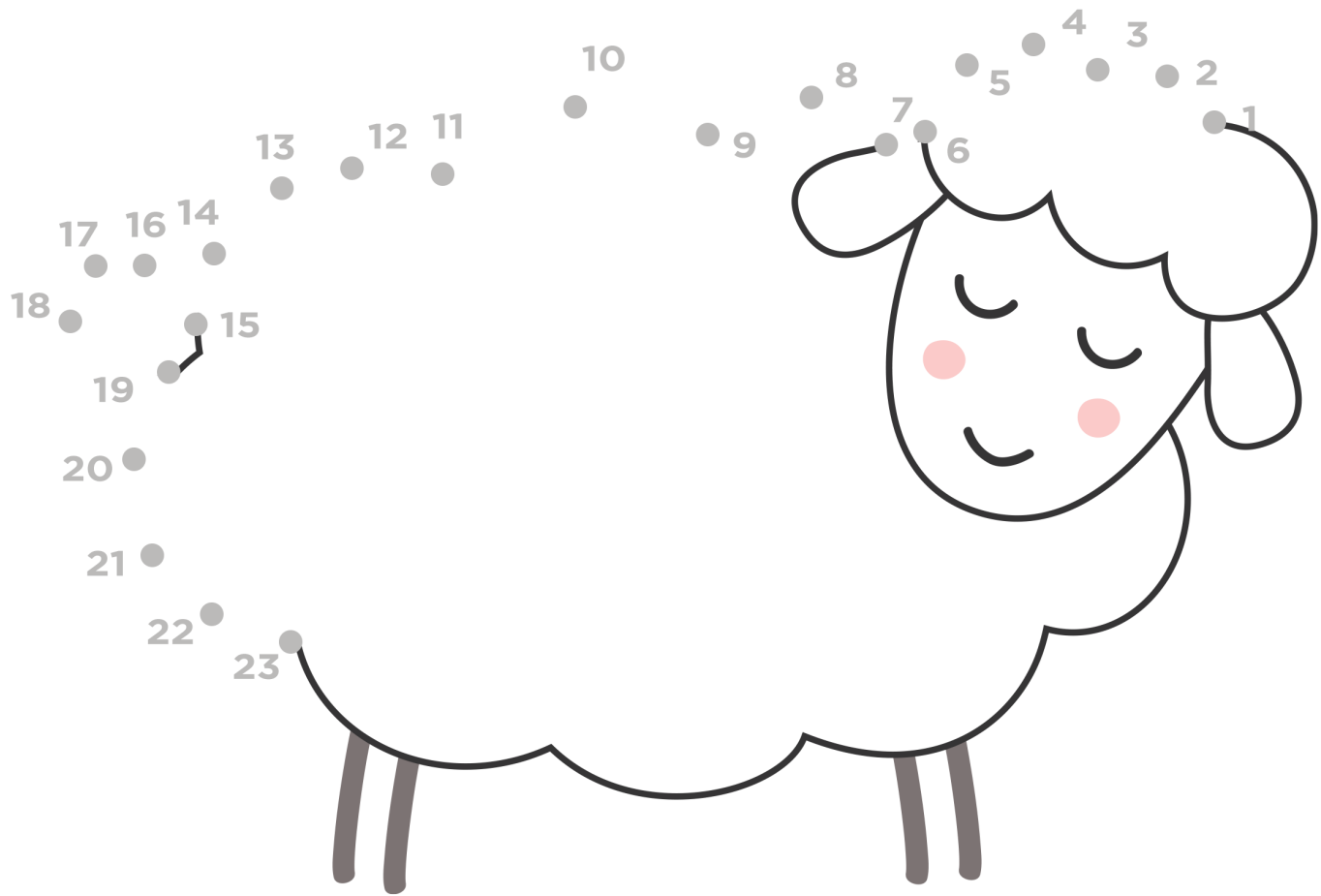
MATTHEW 18:12-13

"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off."

PSALM 100:3

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Connect the Dots!



Write out the following important scripture for this symbol: Matthew 9:36



LEARNING LOOKUPS



CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Lamb

Lookup: Psalm 100:3 and write it down.

Lookup: Matthew 18:12-13. Write down the first two sentences.

Question: These two verses tell us something about the symbol of sheep referring to followers of Christ. Write why you think God picked a sheep to compare us to—rather than lions, wolves, eagles, or something more majestic.

Create a prayer below. Speak to God and write it. Ask God to help you see him as our shepherd, using your own words:



Instructions: Instructions: Use your At-A-Glance Sheet, Famous Scriptures Relating to the Lamb & Sheep Symbols, to fill in the scripture verses below that have to do with lambs and sheep:

THE LAMB AND SHEEP IN THE BIBLE

John 1:29: The next day John saw _____ coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the _____ of the world!

Acts 8:32: This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: “He was led like a sheep to the _____, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his _____.”

Isaiah 53:7: He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth. He was led like a _____ to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is _____, so He did not open His mouth.

Revelation 5:6: Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the _____, encircled by the four living _____ and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Matthew 9:36: When he saw the _____, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and _____, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 18:12-13: “What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that _____ off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is _____ about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off.

Psalms 100:3: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his _____, the sheep of his _____.



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION



NAME: _____

DATE: _____