



Supplies

- colored construction paper
- flower stickers (5 per child)
- green construction paper (1 sheet per child)
- crayons
- glue sticks or Glue Dots
- cotton balls (1 per child)
- drinking straws (1 per child)

Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.
- Cut 1x9-inch strips of colored construction paper so each child has as many strips as his or her age.



Make a Shepherding Game Board

Say: **Today we're talking about shepherds. A shepherd guides his sheep and takes care of them. God is the best shepherd of all! He guides us and takes care of us. Let's make a game today so we can practice guiding something.**

- Give each child the number of construction paper strips corresponding to his or her age and the same number of stickers.
- Encourage kids to make the strips into loops and secure them with stickers.
- Give each child a sheet of green construction paper and some crayons. Encourage kids to draw a lake in one corner of the paper. They can also draw other things that would be in a sheep's pasture, such as bushes, trees, and rocks.
- While they're drawing, help kids glue their paper rings to the green paper to create a series of tunnels leading to the lake.

Play the Shepherding Game

Say: **Now that we have this nice meadow for our sheep, let's guide our sheep through the meadow to water.**

- Give each child a cotton ball and a straw. Encourage kids to set the cotton ball at the beginning of the line of paper tunnels.
- Show kids how to blow gently through the straw to move the cotton ball through the tunnels to the water.
- Continue playing as time allows.

Say: **Sheep need water to live. We were good shepherds for our pretend sheep and helped guide them to water.**

Ask: • **What things do you need?** Kids may say food, clothes, or a place to sleep. Encourage kids to share who helps them get the things they need.

Say: **God knows what we need. He guides us and helps us have what we need.**