

STEP ONE: Watch the EC video at [hillsideonline.com/kids](http://hillsideonline.com/kids)

STEP TWO: Repeat the verse twice with the motions!

**"The crowds**

*(arms out and around)*

**were amazed**

*(hold hands like binoculars open and shut)*

**at His teaching."**

*(hands by mouth)*

**Matthew 7:28**

*(open hands like a book)*

STEP THREE: Have fun with the activity "Where is the sheep?"

**What you need:**

Cotton balls

**What You Do:**

Spread cotton balls all over the room. Then, encourage your child to stand near a cotton ball and say the memory verse with you. Have them bring that sheep to you, then encourage them to stand by another sheep and say the verse again.

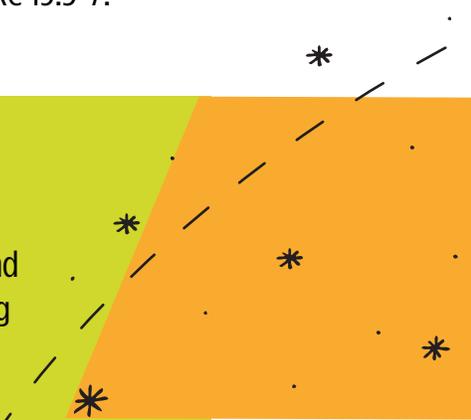
Say, "I see a lot of sheep around the room. The cotton balls are our sheep. Go find a sheep and stand next to it. (Pause.) Yay! Now, let's say our memory verse together. 'The crowds (arms out and around) were amazed (hands to eyes like binoculars then open and close) at his teaching (hands to mouth),' Matthew 7:28. (Open hands like a book.) Great job! Now, bring your sheep to me and find another sheep!"

Continue until all of the sheep are found and returned. Redistribute the sheep to play again if time allows. When you are finished, say, "You did an awesome job of finding all the sheep. Jesus told us the story about the shepherd and his lost sheep because He wanted us to know that we're all important to God. So, when I ask 'Who teaches you important things?', you say, 'Jesus teaches me important things.' Ready? **Who teaches you important things? Jesus teaches me important things.**"

\*the Bible reference for this week is Luke 15:3-7.

STEP FOUR: Pray together as a family!

"God, thank You for sending Jesus to teach us so many important things and be our friend forever. All of our friends and family are very important to You, God. Thank You for loving us so, so much. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."



STEP FIVE: Draw a picture of a sheep.



STEP SIX: The shepherd cared about all of his sheep just like Jesus cares for you!  
"The crowds were amazed at His teaching" Matthew 7:28