

Lesson 2 / March 15, 2026

Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

for use as
STEP 1 

Lesson 2
Focus:

Jesus willingly died
to save us.

Lesson 2
Bible Basis:

John 10:7–18; 15:13

Lesson 2
Memory Verse:

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd
lays down his life for the sheep.”
—John 10:11

As students contemplate how Jesus saved us, they will watch a video about heroes who put their lives on the line to save children from a burning school bus.

Materials:

Internet access

➤ **Who are some people who sometimes risk their lives to save others?** (Students may mention law enforcement officers, military, firefighters, parents for their children.)

➤ **What are some reasons someone might die for someone else?** (Students may answer that a person might do this out of duty, because it is their job, because they love or care for the person [parent].)

Some jobs are dangerous. Those who serve in the military or as police officers or as firefighters put themselves in harm’s way to protect and save others. Every day these people go into dangerous situations to help and rescue people. Other people don’t have dangerous jobs but jump into crisis situations to help others. Let’s watch a video about a crisis and rescue.

Share the following video [2:04]:

School bus catches fire in Bethel; mother and driver help evacuate kids
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZIIXVxO9OY>

➤ **How do you think the kids and their parents felt about the mom and bus driver who saved them?** (Students may share that they were thankful, relieved, felt they owed them something, etc.)

➤ **The mom and bus driver were the heroes in this story. What about their behavior made them heroes?** (Answers will vary but might include noticing a dangerous situation, working quickly to get the kids off the bus, putting themselves near a vehicle that was on fire, etc.)

➤ **Can you tell about a time when you needed to be rescued?** (Remind your students that there are many more things we need to be rescued from than burning buildings. If your students have a hard time thinking of things, remind them of some time when they were scared, hurt, or lost and someone came to rescue them. Be prepared to share your own experience.)

Not everyone is the victim of a disaster like a fire or flood, but all of us need to be rescued. Today we're going to talk about Jesus and how He was willing to lay down His life to save each one of us.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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Materials:

- Paper
- Pens/pencils

If your class is meeting online, invite students to bring supplies with them to class.

The Bible says Jesus came to lay down His life for sinners. He willingly died to save us. When Jesus lived on earth, one of the names He called Himself was the “good shepherd.” He talked about all the good things a shepherd does, including being willing to give his life for his sheep. Jesus is our good shepherd; He protects us, guides us, lovingly cares for us, and even laid down His life for us. Ask a volunteer to read today’s memory verse (John 10:11).

➤ **Who are some of the people putting their lives on the line for us every day?** (Accept all reasonable responses. Mention the following if students do not: military personnel, firefighters, paramedics and EMTs, police officers, etc.)

Distribute supplies (or invite students to have them ready at home). Challenge your students to write or draw a response to Jesus being the good shepherd sometime. For example, their response could begin with the words, “Because Jesus is the good shepherd, I will ...” or “Thank you, Jesus, for being my good shepherd.”

Let’s pray for the people who risk their own lives to keep us safe. May God bless and keep them safe, healthy, and strong as they serve others.

Close in prayer. Invite a few of your students to lead out in prayer if they desire.

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