

## Fun Fish – Toddlers in COLOUR

### Session 9: Be Caring – BROWN – Where Are You, Sheep?

**Memory Line:** “Be kind to each other.” (Ephesians 4:32)

**Welcome:**

**Theme Song:** to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.*

*Up above the world so high. Like a diamond in the sky.*

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.*

#### **Colour and Topic:**

If you can, take a paint pot and mix all the colours together. It turns muddy brown. Brown is everywhere. The ground is brown. Tree trunks are brown. Many animals are brown. And just as brown is everywhere, if you look around, so is caring for others. Lots of people give a helping hand, making a card for someone sad. Sharing. We can all be caring like that.

#### **Bible Story “Where Are You, Sheep?” (Matt 12: 11-12)**

Dolls, puppets, or dressed-up wooden spoons:

Jesus

The shepherd

One sheep

**Materials needed:** (feel free to replace the items with what you already have)

Hole

Brown cloth for mud

Rope

Brown chair

Book

#### **Reflective Time (interactive):**

Is there someone you care about? Your mum or dad, brother or sister? How can you show them that you care? Review the memory line and remember that whenever you see the colour BROWN, show others that you care.

**Short Prayer:** “Dear God, help us to be care for others. Amen.”

**Sing song:**

**“Toddlers in COLOUR” card for this session:**



## Story 9: “Where Are You, Sheep?” (Matthew 12: 11 – 12)

Someone asked Jesus a funny question. “Is it wrong to help someone on my day off?” So, Jesus told them this story.

“Imagine if a someone has a sheep and this one is his favourite. He loves it and hugs it. He gives it special food. He knits it a scarf. Then one day his sheep falls into a hole, but he doesn’t know it.

He sits outside in his big BROWN chair. He sips his juice and reads a book. He smiles and stops to look around. Where is his precious sheep?

Now, do you think he would say, “This is my day off. If my sheep is lost, that its problem. I’m not going to worry, because I’m having a break.”

NO! He jumps up and calls, “Sheepy! Sheepy! Where are you?” He listens. Shhhh! Maybe he can hear it. He runs around in circles looking for it.

Suddenly he hears, “BAA! BAA!”

Now, do you think he will smile and say, “Ah, I can hear it. No need to worry. I’ll go back to reading my book.”

NO! He runs towards the sound. He finds his sheep in a hole - a very, very deep hole. His sheep is scratched and sad. His sheep is BROWN with mud. Now, do you think he will say, “Oh, my sheep can’t go anywhere. I’ll just leave it there. I’ll go finish my book.”

NO! He runs back to the house. He gets some rope. He pulls out his sheep. He hugs it and pats it. “Oh, my beautiful sheep,” he will say, “I am so happy I found you.” Now he is BROWN with mud as well!

But he doesn’t go back to his book. He carries his sheep home. He puts plasters on its scratches. He completely forgets that it is his day off because he loves his sheep so much...

Then Jesus turned to the person and said, “If it is right to rescue your special sheep, it is always right to help someone on your day off. You see, people are much more precious than sheep.”