

# engage Kids



THE  
GOOD  
SHEPHERD



*Touched Hearts,  
Helping Hands*

# SCRIPTURE MEMORY:

"For the Son of Man came to seek  
and save those who are lost.

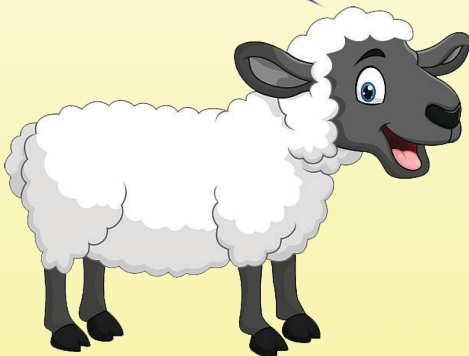
- LUKE 19:10



Please say this verse to a  
trusted adult and have him or  
her email your name and age to  
[engagekids@feaministries.org](mailto:engagekids@feaministries.org).

Hi! I'm Sammy.  
Sheep like me  
depend on a shepherd  
to lead them and to  
give them something to  
eat. Jesus said that he  
was like a good shepherd  
who cared about his sheep  
very much. We should be like  
Jesus and help lead  
others to God.

## PEN PAL LETTERS



Dear Emma,

If you were here in Africa right now, you could come play this new game with me and the rest of the kids in the neighborhood! We had a visitor come from the States. His name was Erik Grant. He was really nice. My favorite thing about him was that he taught us how to play hide and seek! It was so much fun until I had to be the person to go looking for everyone who was hiding. I was really bad at finding them because they were all so sneaky!

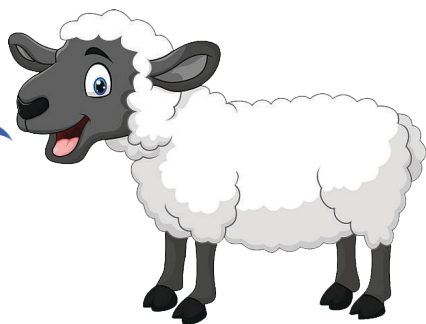
Believe it or not, this game actually got me to thinking about lost souls. I've been trying really hard to be a good witness to the people around me, but I feel like the devil hides them from me! I go to school with a boy I just didn't like. He was a bully, and he was always finding ways to pick on me. I tried to avoid him, but then suddenly I realized he needed Jesus more than anyone I knew! I convinced my brother to help me out, and we started being really nice to him. Finally, he agreed to come to Bible study with us.

It's like the devil took the boy I didn't like and hid him behind all the bullying and unkindness so I wouldn't want to witness to him. Thankfully, I caught on to his trick. I will have to be on guard for all the other souls the devil may be hiding from me as well!

I can't wait to get your next letter and hear all about how you are doing! I am praying for you every day, Emma.

Love, Palesa

CAN YOU SPY  
ALL EIGHT SHEEP IN  
THIS PICTURE?



Circle the eight sheep with a crayon or marker.

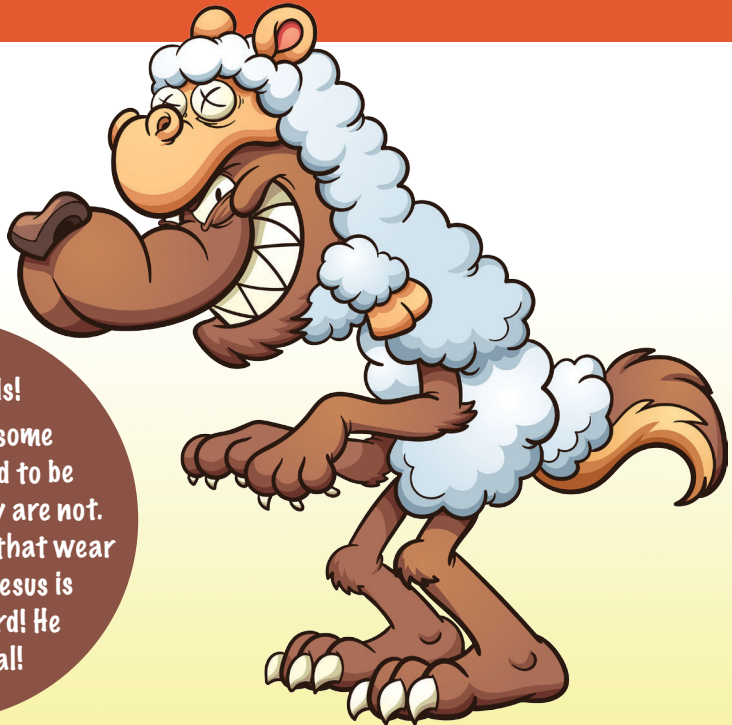


# the LOST SHEEP



**Matthew 18:12** tells us, "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost?"

Jesus sometimes compares His life to one that is like a shepherd. A shepherd's job is to protect his sheep and to guide them in the direction they should go. To Jesus we are His sheep. As Christians we live under the protection and guidance Jesus our shepherd gives us. Sadly, there are those who do not allow Him to guide or protect them at all! That breaks His heart, but that is why He wants you and me to help Him! He is already out there searching for these lost sheep, but He is calling you and me to join Him! He wants us to go to these lost souls and be a witness for Him by presenting them the gospel. After all, that is what being a shepherd and a missionary is all about.



**Be careful kids!**

Jesus said that some bad people pretend to be something that they are not. They are like wolves that wear sheep's clothing. Jesus is the good shepherd! He is the real deal!



In this booklet we are learning about being shepherds alongside Jesus so we can help bring lost sheep back to Him. **ERIK GRANT**, who is pictured above, did this in a **BIG** way! He went all the way to Africa on a short-term mission trip to spread the gospel to the people there! Thankfully, he made it safely back to the States after his trip was done, and we were able to ask him a few questions about the experiences and outreach he had in Africa.

### 1. WHERE DID YOU MINISTER IN AFRICA?

“Oshakati, Namibia”

### 2. HOW WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT FROM LIFE AT HOME?

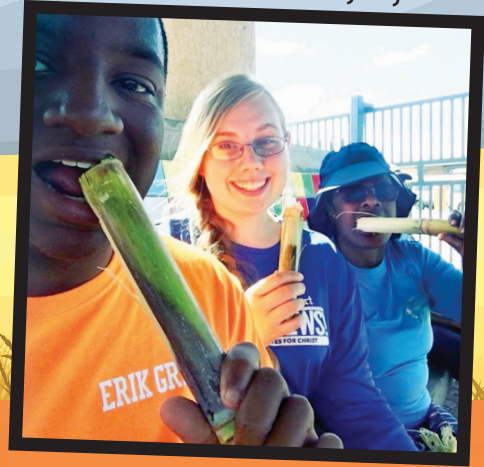
We slept in a tent. Also, they drive on the opposite side of the road. Driving the first few days was interesting for me. Africa is becoming such a modern place that not a whole lot has to change these days. Many of the comforts of home are available here now, such as grocery stores, malls, fast food (McDonalds, KFC), wifi, and electricity.

### 3. WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO WITNESS TO PEOPLE IN NAMIBIA?

I think the most valuable form of ministry would be consistent evangelism. It's going to take more than just handing someone a tract

Here is Erik and some of his friends visiting the nearby market and eating sugar cane.

This is Erik and one of his friends in Africa.



and expecting them to read it. It's going to take multiple conversations with the same person.

#### 4. WHAT KIND OF FOOD DID YOU GET TO EAT THERE?

Vorst! Africans love it. It's basically a really filling sausage best cooked over an open fire in my opinion. There were people buying worms in the market and eating them, but I didn't try them.

#### 5. WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO A PERSON CONSIDERING GOING TO AFRICA AS A MISSIONARY?

Don't get hung up on the "Africa" we hear about in the news. Yes, it can be a dangerous place. Yes, there are sick and poor people. Yes, it is a long way from the USA. But don't let all of that distract you from what an amazing place it truly is. There is so much history, culture, and color, but it's all changing very quickly. With growth and modernization, one thing remains true—people there still need to hear the gospel. If you're considering a life in ministry in Africa, I applaud you. It will change your life forever.



# DEVELOPER ACTIVITY

Can you find a sheep? Okay, we aren't talking about a real live sheep, but we mean a person who doesn't know Jesus. Remember, like Palesa was telling Emma, sometimes the devil hides lost sheep behind things such as unkindness and pride. No one wants to be around people like that, but those are the people who need Jesus the most! So be on the lookout for a person you know does not have a relationship with Christ. Set a goal to witness and share the gospel with him or her. In doing this, you'll be doing what Jesus does. He is our Great Shepherd, bringing all the lost sheep who will come back into the fold.



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