



### **Matthew 18:10-14**

**10** “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. **12** What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? **13** And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. **14** So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish

#### **Intro**

We are just going to look at one section Matthew 18v10-14 of the passage that Rich will be preaching on (Matthew 18:1-14). At the start of ch18, the disciples are still trying to work out what is going to happen to Jesus, and also to themselves, they're trying to work out the pecking order in heaven. Jesus uses their question to explain that the greatest are the ones who depend on God as a child depends on a parent. In v5-9 Jesus shows us how much God cares for his children (anyone who believes in Jesus is a child of God), as he warns against our actions causing others to sin.

#### **Our Passage,**

Matthew 18:10-14-Jesus warns the disciples against looking down on other Christians, he gives the disciples a picture of how much God cares for his children, when he describes how the shepherd cares for the sheep in the flock who wander off.

*This week we will see:*

**Jesus is the amazing Son of God** 🙌

Who teaches us about God's love for his children.

#### **Warm up Activity**

Lost and Found-hide things and then get your children to find them.

Talk about times in your family when you have lost something important or something that was special to you, talk about how it felt.

#### **Retelling the passage**

Think about the concern of the shepherd and how much he did to find one sheep, even though he had many others. And think about how happy the shepherd was when one sheep was returned to the flock

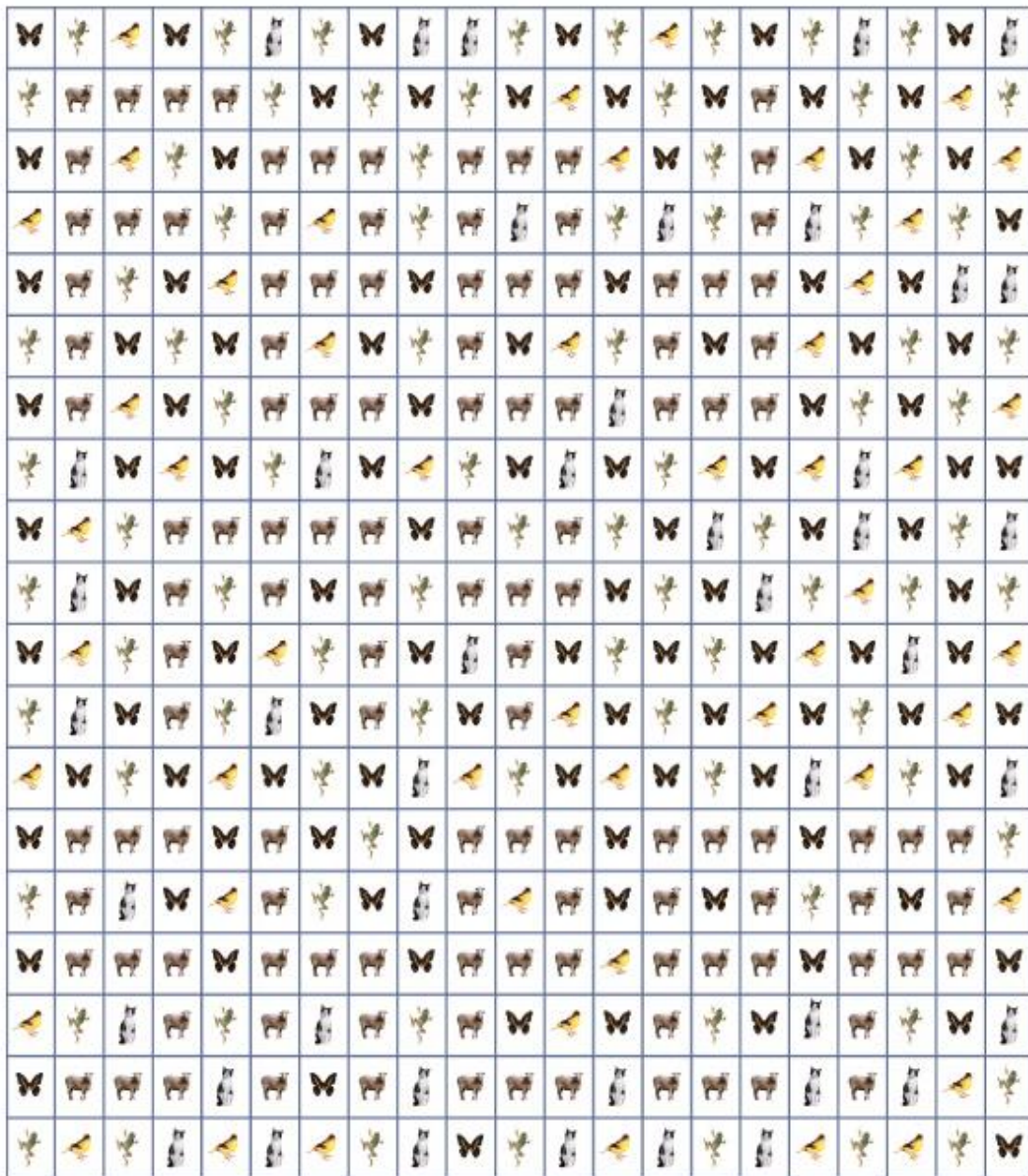
Jesus and wants to follow him, so we can ask his Spirit to help us see what's God's way and what's not.

#### **Prayer**

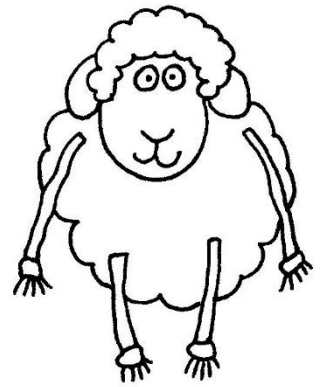
Give thanks to God for caring so much about us.

Ask God to help us not to forget about him or be more interested in other things than in Him.

See how many sheep you can count in the picture below.



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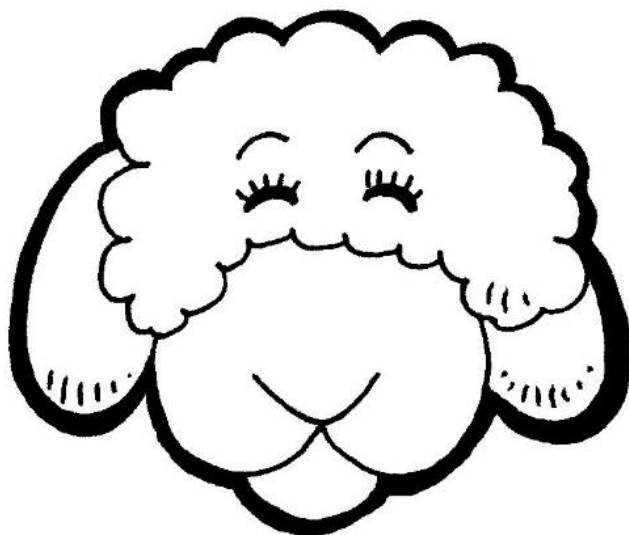
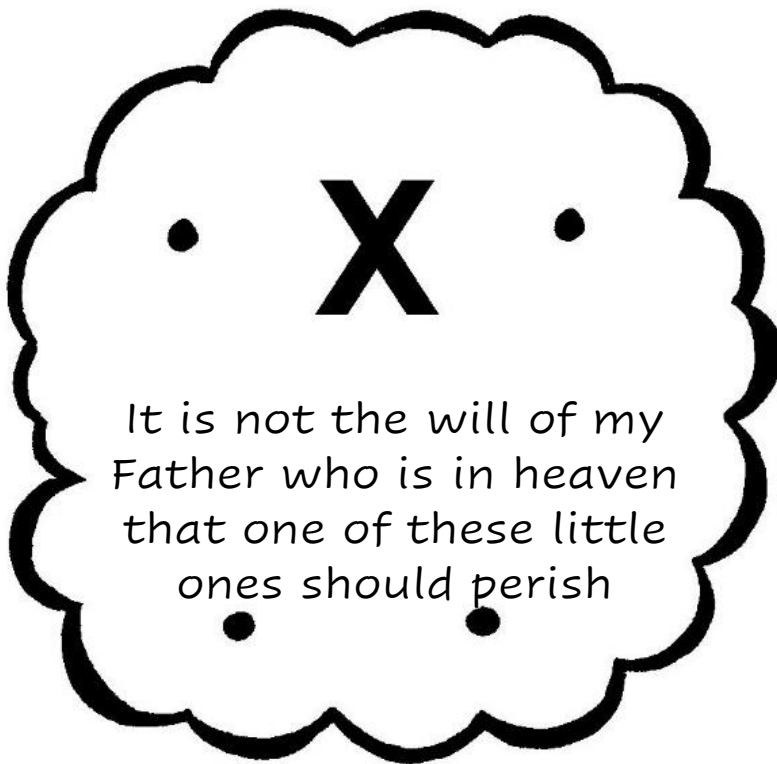
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dots are.**

**Thread thick  
short wool  
or cord  
through the  
four holes  
from the back.**

**Knot at  
each end.**

**Glue head  
on to X**



Use the picture below to make a mask and decorate it

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