Lost Sheep Games

Here are some fun activities to do in Bible class. Make one game for class and/or help children make their own sets to take them home for their families to play.

*Printable instructions and pictures of various sizes on the next pages.*

**To prepare the hidden sheep game:**
Print this page on thick paper and then cut out the large picture of the sheep. Use thick paper and then laminate to make it last longer. Alternatively, it would also be fun to let the children draw their own sheep to find. Store the games by placing game pieces and instructions inside a plastic re-sealable bag or other container.

**To prepare the bottle cap game:**
Collect a number of matching lids or bottle caps. Print this page and cut out one sheep and one wolf that fit the bottle caps you are using. Glue a picture of a sheep inside one bottle cap and a wolf inside of another. All other caps are empty. (If preferred, use thick paper instead of bottle caps.)
Find the Hidden Sheep
(how to play this game)

1. Read the parable that Jesus told.
2. One person hides a picture of a sheep and everyone searches for it.

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Lost Sheep Bottle Caps Game
(how to play this game)

1. Read the parable that Jesus told.
2. Turn all bottle face down. Take turns turning caps over, one at a time.
   - If the sheep is turned over then the sheep is found and the game is done.
   - If the wolf is turned over then all bottle caps get turned back over and the game begins again.
3. Use a few caps for a quick game and more if you want a longer game.

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