Crafts today. . . .

Lego Maze—to help us think about times when we were lost and how we felt when we were found again.

Sheep sensory bins—to think about what the different trays represent. Where do you think the sheep wandered off to?

Edible Shepherds—to help us think about the shepherd and the different things he does to look after his sheep. How does God look after us?

Sheep Money Boxes—to remind us how we keep our valuable things safe.

Sheep Pebbles—to help us think about why the sheep got lost. Why do we sometimes find ourselves far from God?

Welcome Home—to remind us that the shepherd celebrated when he found his lost sheep. What does it mean for us to be welcomed home?

In worship today we thought about how Jesus is the never leaves us unprotected.

WORSHIP

Lord Jesus,
We thank you that no matter how far away from your love we might go, you are always ready to welcome us home. Amen

Continue your journey with Jesus

FURTHER INFORMATION
Sunday services 10.30 am (mainly traditional); 6.00 pm (informal)
Sunday Club 10.30 am (ages 3-11), 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month (not August)
Boys' and Girls' Brigades (ages 4-18) Wednesdays
16 October 2B1 (Worship, songs, conversation, prayers and cake)
30 October Explore Together [All who are Thirsty] Isaiah 55:1-12

Next time—FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER (3.45-5.45pm)

Listening and Learning (Mark 10:13-16)
We will think about the things which make us feel safe and how God can protect us.
We are looking forward to seeing you and your friends at Goodrington Methodist Church for crafts, worship and tea for all ages from tots to teenagers, babies to adults.

Reminder: parents and carers are responsible for the safety and well-being of their own children while at Messy Church.

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Safe and Sound

Today we are thinking about how we often wander away from God. We do this when we follow our own way rather than God's way. This can mean that we find ourselves in danger. We learn that God loves us so much that he came to rescue us, just like the shepherd in this story from the Bible.

People were gathering round to listen to Jesus. The Pharisees (people who tried very hard to be made right with God by living a good life) and teachers were muttering to themselves because they did not think that Jesus should talk and eat with people who did not behave as well as they did.

Jesus knew what they were saying, so he began to teach them by telling them a parable about a man (a shepherd) who had one hundred sheep. He asked the people to imagine what the shepherd would do if he had lost one of his sheep. He would go out into the countryside and search until he found it and, when he had rescued his sheep, he would put it on his shoulders and go home happily. When he arrived home, he would call his friends and neighbours to come and celebrate with him because he had found the sheep that was lost.

Jesus finished his story by saying, "I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one person who is sorry that they have done wrong, than over the ninety-nine people who do not think that they need God in their lives."

You can find this story in the New Testament section of the Bible,
In Luke chapter 15 verses 1-7.
(Luke is the third book in the New Testament)

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Matthew 18:10-14, Luke 15:1-7

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The Lost Coin

Jesus continued to teach the people about the way God wants them to live. He asked the crowd to imagine a woman who had ten silver coins but had lost one. What did she do next? Jesus said, "Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and asks them to celebrate with her because she has found her lost coin." Jesus then said, "In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one person who turns away from doing wrong and comes to follow me."

Jesus told these stories to demonstrate God's love for us and how God sent Jesus to look for us and to find us. God wants us to know him as our 'Heavenly Father', but sometimes we get lost. When that happens, God doesn't give up on us. Jesus searches for us and he won't stop until we are found. Jesus came to look for and to save people who were 'lost' - that is who were out of touch with God and following their own way. And just as the people in the story rejoiced when they found what was lost, Jesus reminds us that all the angels in heaven celebrate when we are found.

You can find this story in the New Testament section of the Bible,
In Luke chapter 15 verses 8-10.
(Luke is the third book in the New Testament)

Something to do at home ....

This is the time of year when many people focus on dangers and things which make you feel scared. Talk as a family about what things help to make you feel safe. Is there something you can do to help other people feel safe? Perhaps you can sort out some unwanted toys, clothes, or blankets to donate to the local homelessness project or women's refuge.

For you to colour