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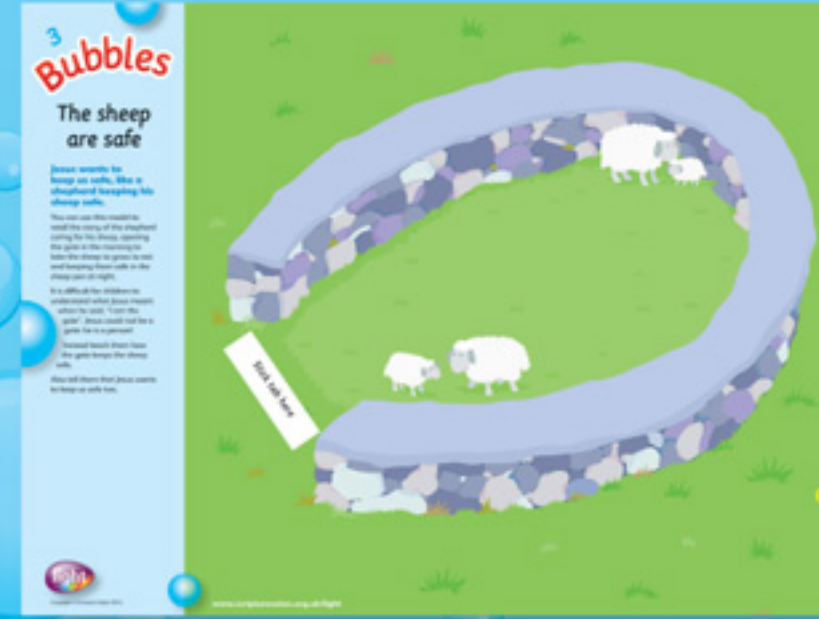
Bubbles³

Jesus protects

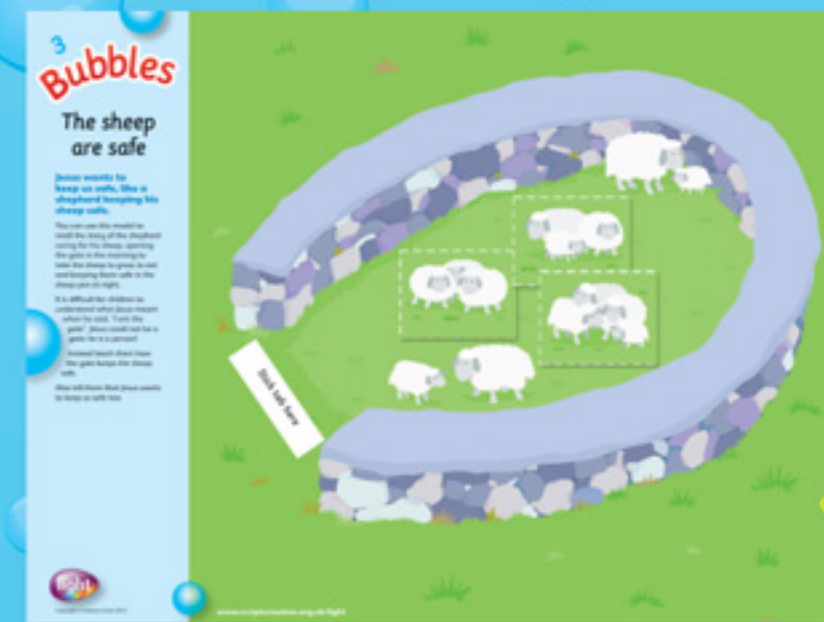


Here's how to make your model of a sheep pen.

1 Cut the pictures of the sheep and shepherd off the side of the **Big Sheet**.



2 Put the sheep in the pen and stick them in place.



3 Stick the tab below the shepherd to the space near the opening of the pen.



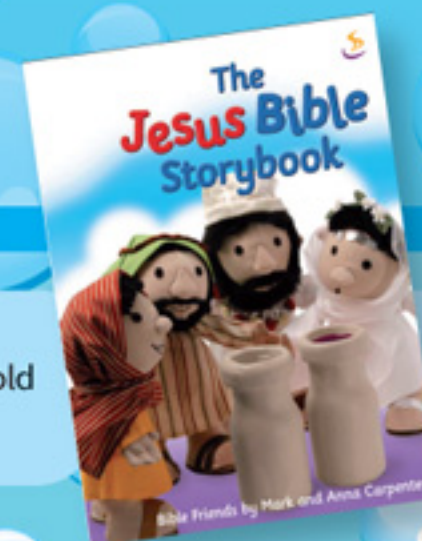
4 Move the "flap" backwards and forwards. See how the shepherd sleeps in the gateway to keep the sheep safe.



Stick this tab to the sheet by the sheep pen. (Turn the page.)



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Pray
Thank you, Jesus, for keeping me safe.

Today's aim is to experience God's love and protection.

John 10:1-15

Jesus saves his "sheep" from harm, as gate and shepherd, because he loves them – he has an emotional attachment, offering physical and emotional security.

So, if we are his sheep, he loves us and offers us the same sort of protection. This is wonderful news for 5s and under: often they are easily unsettled, suffer unidentified fears and worries, and experience intense, sometimes frightening, emotions. In Jesus, they can meet a friend who is safe and who offers them safety too, a big-hearted combination. These are the aspects we will be exploring, enjoying and experiencing in this session.



3 Bubbles

The sheep are safe

Jesus wants to keep us safe, like a shepherd keeping his sheep safe.

You can use this model to retell the story of the shepherd caring for his sheep, opening the gate in the morning to take the sheep to grass to eat and keeping them safe in the sheep pen at night.

It is difficult for children to understand what Jesus meant when he said, "I am the gate". Jesus could not be a gate: he is a person!

Instead teach them how the gate keeps the sheep safe.

Also tell them that Jesus wants to keep us safe too.

