LET IT SHINE
10. The Lost Sheep

OBJECTIVES
Show that Jesus loves us SO much that he would leave the safe sheep to go out and look for one that was lost. We are His sheep. Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

PREPARATION
Print the booklets. They will require two sheets of paper for each student. If you have 24# paper of a light color, it would be a more durable book. I do not recommend cover stock, because it would be hard to bend and staple. However, if you prefer to cut each page in half and make a flip chart, cover stock would work well. (If you are using the CD, you could print yours, or all of booklets, in color, depending on whether or not you want the class to color more of the booklets themselves.) When you are using the CD, be sure you print the back side of each page correctly, so it won't be upside down. When you staple the booklets you will need a long arm stapler. I like to put a small piece of tape over the open part of each staple so no child will get hurt if an edge is sticking out.

Print the graphics, which will be added to the booklet. I have grouped the graphics so you can print the shepherd with the sheep in his arms using white or ivory paper. The bear and snake could be some shade of brown. Or both of these pages could be printed in color if you are using the CD. The lambs should be printed on white. Cut them out and put one of each in a baggie or envelope to quickly distribute them during class. If you have star stickers, the children could add to the page with stars. Put them with the graphics. Complete one booklet to use as you teach the lesson.

Print the maze and matching activities. Prepare the PRC cards to send home. Gallon baggies would be helpful to keep all of these papers together. Or large paper clips could be used to attach everything before the children leave.

BIBLE STUDY: Luke 15:4-6 & Matt. 18:12-14

LESSON
Use your prepared booklet to teach the lesson.

ACTIVITIES
Complete the maze and matching activities before you hand out the booklets. Show the children where you placed each item on your booklet, and make sure they get the graphics on the correct pages.

SONGS AND PRAYER
Thank God for loving us so much that He wants us all to be safe, to obey Him, and to be a part of Christ's church. I have always loved the song, "Up, Up the Mountain." If you know it, be aware that the shepherd did not put the sheep in a fold. He left them on the mountain and went to find the one that was lost. "Jesus Loves the Little Children," and "This Little Light of Mine" would be good songs to go with this lesson.