

“My Sheep Hear My Voice” Listening Ears Craft

Big Idea: Jesus is the Good Shepherd—when we listen, we can follow Him. (John 10:27)

Supplies Needed:

- **Paper Plate or Cardstock Ring:** For the “fluffy sheep” base
 - *Option A:* 1 paper plate per child (cut into a ring)
 - *Option B:* Pre-cut cardstock circle/ring for faster prep
- **Cotton Balls (or cotton rounds):** For the sheep’s “wool”
- **Glue Stick or School Glue:** Glue stick = less mess; school glue = fluffier
- **White Cardstock:** For the “ears” or message circles
- **Markers/Crayons:** For writing the Bible verse + decorating
- **Scissors:** Adult help for preschoolers
- **Stapler or Tape:** To attach ears/messages and secure pieces



Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Prepare the Sheep “Wool” Base

- **Paper plate option:** Cut the center out of a paper plate to make a **ring** (like a wreath).
- Spread glue all around the ring (front side).

2. Add the Cotton “Wool”

- Pull cotton balls apart slightly to make them extra fluffy.
- Press cotton onto the glued ring until it’s covered and cloud-like.
- Set aside for a minute to dry.

3. Create the “Listening Ears” (or Message Circles)

- Cut **two ear shapes** from white cardstock (simple oval ears work great).
 - OR use **two circles** like the template photo.
- On one ear/circle write: **“God Speaks”**
- On the other ear/circle write: **“I listen and follow.”**
- Add the reference: **John 10:27**

Handwriting Tip: Use primary lined paper or lightly pencil the words for kids to trace.

4. Attach the Ears to the Wool Ring

- Tape/staple/glue one ear/circle to the left side of the ring.
- Attach the other ear/circle to the right side.
- Make sure the words face forward for display.

Classroom Tip: Stapling is the quickest and holds best with cotton.

5. Add a Simple Sheep Face (Optional but Adorable!)

Pick one:

- Draw a small sheep face at the bottom of the ring (eyes + smile), or
- Glue a small oval face cutout (light gray/white) and add googly eyes.

6. Display & Take-Home

Choose one:

- **Table-top display:** Stand it up like the photo (cotton helps it balance).
- **Hang it up:** Hole punch the top and tie yarn to make a “Shepherd’s Reminder” hanger.
- **Bulletin board:** Title idea: “**We Listen to the Good Shepherd!**”

Easy Variations:

- **Sound & Follow Game:** After crafting, play “Sheep Follow the Shepherd” (Simon Says-style).
- **Add a Bell:** Sticker or drawn bell: “I listen for my Shepherd!”
- **Prayer Prompt:** On the back, kids write/draw: “Jesus, help me listen when...”

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