

## Missionary Kid in Venezuela

**H**i! My name is Mia. My family lives in Venezuela (VEN-eh-ZWAY-luh). That's in South America. We live here because my parents are missionaries. I have two brothers, Kyle and Cody, and a sister, Addison.

My parents' job is to help other missionaries and their kids. My parents help by teaching. They teach at a school for missionary children. While the missionaries work, their kids can come to the school.

The missionaries work all over South America. They lead Bible studies, teach in Bible schools, and help to start churches. The missionaries also write the Bible into Indian languages. That way the people can understand the Bible and learn more about Jesus. They can learn that Jesus died for their sins. They can learn to trust Jesus and become part of His family.

I guess it's a lot of work to come all the way to Venezuela. But my parents say it's like what Jesus did for us. Jesus looks for us as a shepherd looks for a lost sheep. So we come all this way to look for people who need to know Jesus.

I really like my school. My class is the smallest—only four kids! The teachers make sure there are fun things to do after

classes. We do things like sports, field trips, hikes, and parties. I'm glad I get to live here!

### Talk-a-Bit

- What do missionaries do?
- Why did Jesus come to earth?



# Jesus Is Our Good Shepherd

Bible story from Luke 15:1-7; John 10:10-18

**J**esus loved to teach. Sometimes people didn't understand the things He taught. So Jesus told stories to help them.

One time He was teaching. He told this story. "Pretend you're a shepherd," He said. "You have 100 sheep. One sheep gets lost. Would you go look for it? Yes! You would look until you found it. Then you would be very happy! Even with 99 sheep at home, you would be sad if one was lost."

Then Jesus explained His story. "God is like that too. He loves all His children. When someone doesn't

know Him, He is sad. He wants that person to love Him too."

Jesus told them another story. "I am like the shepherd. And you are like My sheep. I will take care of you. Even if a wolf comes, I will keep you safe. I will give My life for My sheep. God gave Me this job to do. I don't have to do it. But I choose to do it. I do it because I love My sheep."

## This Week's Bible Memory Verse:

This is how we know what love is:  
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.

1 John 3:16









# TUNE IN!

There's an important message coming through on the radio. To clear the "static," cross out every other letter beginning with "N." Write the remaining letters on the lines below.



Answer: Jesus died for us.

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## Family Faith Fun

### Lesson Focus:

Jesus came to seek and save us.

### Sheep and a Shepherd

■ Take your child on a field trip to a farm or petting zoo to learn about sheep and shepherds. Or rent a video about sheep. Talk together about ways we are like sheep and Jesus is like a shepherd.

### Memory Verse Activity

■ Have your child practice this week's memory verse by making a poster of it. Help your child add pictures and symbols to represent what the verse means.

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