**Session 1**

**Theme: I am the good shepherd**

(John 10:11-18)

**Required resources:**

* Icebreaker PowerPoint questions
* Food for meal
* Video countdown timer
* Game resources
* ‘A close shave’ video clip
* Modelling balloons
* Sufficient copies of themed wordsearch for each guest
* ‘Douglas talk’ video clip
* ‘Sheep’ prayer cards
* ‘Psalm 23’ video song by Stuart Townend
* Prepared Psalm 23 laminates

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| **Time** | **Who?** | **Item** | **Length** |
|  |  | **Doors open and ice breaker questions on screen** | **30 min** |
|  |  | **Meal** | **30 min** |
|  |  | **Video Countdown Timer** | **5 min** |
|  |  | **Game** | **10 min** |
|  |  | **Notices / Encouragements** | **5 min** |
|  |  | **Video clip** | **3 min** |
|  |  | From ‘A close shave’ URL: <https://youtu.be/YC-MR84S1H8> | |
|  |  | **Upfront activity** | **5 min** |
|  |  | Two ‘volunteers’ are needed. They sit facing the congregation and are each given some modelling balloons. Behind them are three people. The ‘volunteers’ have to listen to the directions of one person who knows how to make balloon models, and ignore the voice of the other two people, who will be speaking to distract them. One ‘volunteer’ successfully listens to the correct voice. The other ‘volunteer’ listens to the wrong voice and does the modelling wrong. Obviously, the idea here, is that we need to listen to the right voice in life. **Note: If you can’t find anyone who knows how to do balloon modelling confidently, feel free to change the activity. Just make sure it demonstrates that we need to listen to the right voice in life.** | |
|  |  | **Link** | **2 min** |
|  |  | What’s the tenuous connection between the video clip and the balloon activity, and can anyone guess tonight’s theme? Explain after taking some suggestions from the congregation. | |
|  |  | **Individual activity** | **4 min** |
|  |  | Doing a word search based on the tonight’s theme. | |
|  |  | **Video clip** | **7 min** |
|  |  | The video is essentially the talk and is done by a puppet called Douglas. This segment should be hammed up a wee bit, explaining that we have a special speaker joining us by video link etc. URL: <https://youtu.be/Pu7L0ZwAJOo> **Note: Stop video at 4 min and 4 seconds.** | |
|  |  | **Response** | **5 min** |
|  |  | Explain that we have been thinking about how we need to listen to Jesus’ voice, because he’s the one who gives us good guidance for our lives. Then invite people to write on one of the ‘sheep cards’, anything that they need guidance or advance on, from Jesus. Then bring it up and place it at the foot of the cross etc. During this time, play the video song of the 23rd Psalm (modern version). URL: <https://youtu.be/F1ZjlHsHT5Q> **Hand out Psalm 23 laminates at this point?** | |
|  |  | **Sum up, pray and finish** |  |
|  |  | **End** |  |