

# DAY 1

## Lost Sheep Relay

### Supplies

- ❑ **Lost Sheep Pictures**, beanbags, or bandanas, 5 of the same color per team
- ❑ Cones, 5 per team
- ❑ Hula-Hoops, 1 per team

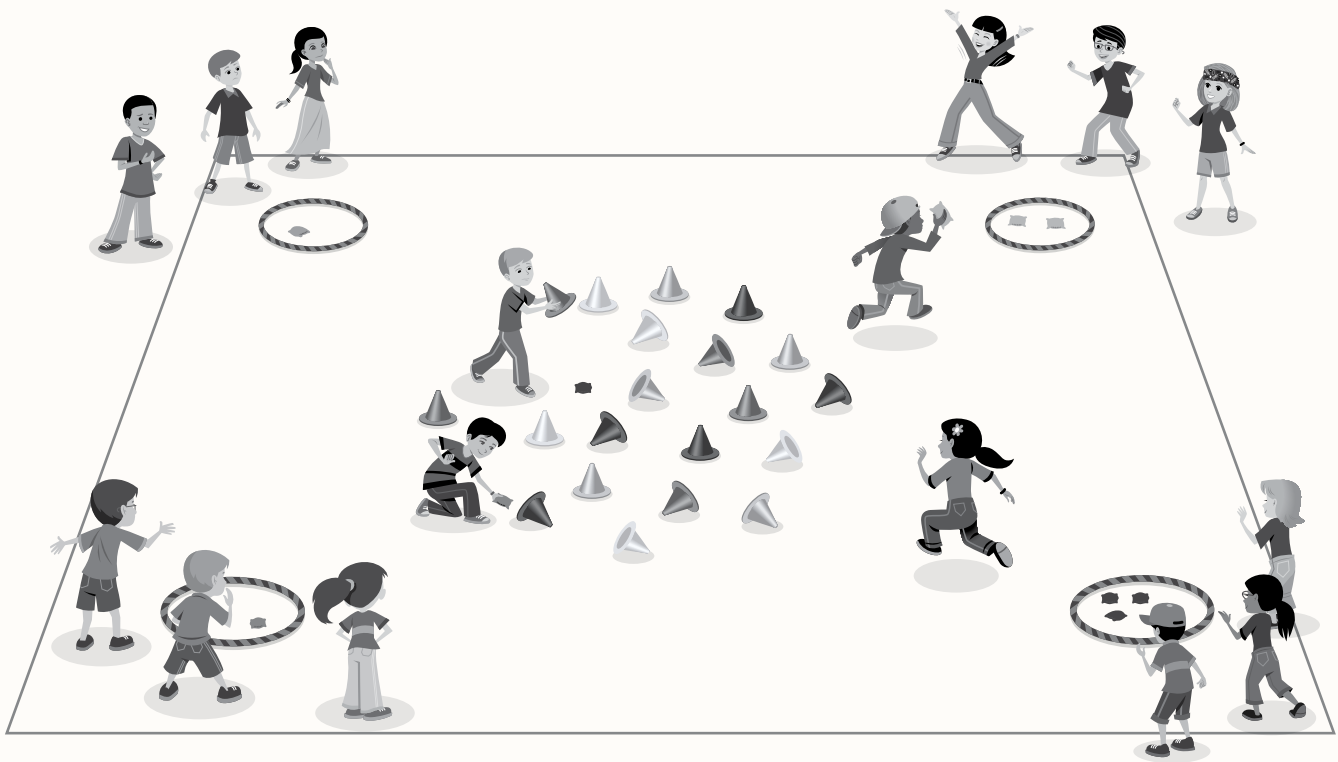
### Prep

- Mark off a large play area and place a Hula-Hoop on the ground for each team at equal distances from the play area.
- Scatter cones in the play area.
- If using the **LOST SHEEP PICTURES**, print on a different color for each team and cut them out.
- Hide a **LOST SHEEP PICTURE**/beanbag/bandana under each cone. Place a total of five of the same color per team.

### Class Time Directions

1. Divide the group into even teams of 3–6 players.
2. Assign each team a color.

3. Have teams line up single file behind their Hula-Hoop.
4. Explain that the goal of the game is to be the first team to find all five of its lost sheep (picture, beanbag, or bandana).
5. On the start signal, the first player from each team runs to the play area and tips over one cone. If the sheep underneath matches his team's color, he can take it back to his team's Hula-Hoop, then go to the back of the line. If the sheep underneath is not his team's color, the player must return empty-handed.
6. Emphasize that cones should be left overturned when a lost sheep is found. Optional: challenge older kids by having players put the cones back to their upright position so those in line have to remember where they saw which colors.
7. Teammates should communicate to help one another find their lost sheep.
8. The first team to collect all five of its lost sheep wins.



9. Have the other teams continue playing to recognize second-place team, third-place team, and so on.

### Teaching Tie-in

Our animal pal today is Mia (My-a) the Connemara sheep. What do sheep have to do with our memory verse? Take responses. Recite Psalm 23:1 together.

In Psalm 23, God is the Shepherd. Who do you think the sheep are? Take responses—us. All of us start out like lost sheep. We're spiritually lost in our sins—separated from the holy God because of our sin. But God loved us so much that he sent Jesus to die for our sins. If you make Jesus your shepherd by repenting of your sins and believing in him, you go from lost to found; your sins are forgiven, and you become a child of God.

In this game, you're going to be like good shepherds and work together to find your team's lost sheep.

### Tip Corner

- Match the color of the team's Hula-Hoop to the color of their sheep.
- Using cones of various colors will help students recall which cones were searched previously.

