

## Children's Church at Home 22 November 2020

### Matthew 25:31-46 the parable of the sheep and goats

**Craft ingredients:** marshmallows, pretzels and Mikado biscuits, and / or paper, card, elastic, ribbon or string, pens, scissors.

**First:** a little quiz. What is a baby horse called? And a baby lion? A baby goat? What do you think a baby Tyrannosaurus Rex would be like? What about a baby deer?

**Story:** Matthew 25:31-46. You can read the story here.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+25%3A31-46&version=ERV>

**Video:** <https://youtu.be/iWSkdx-XwWY>

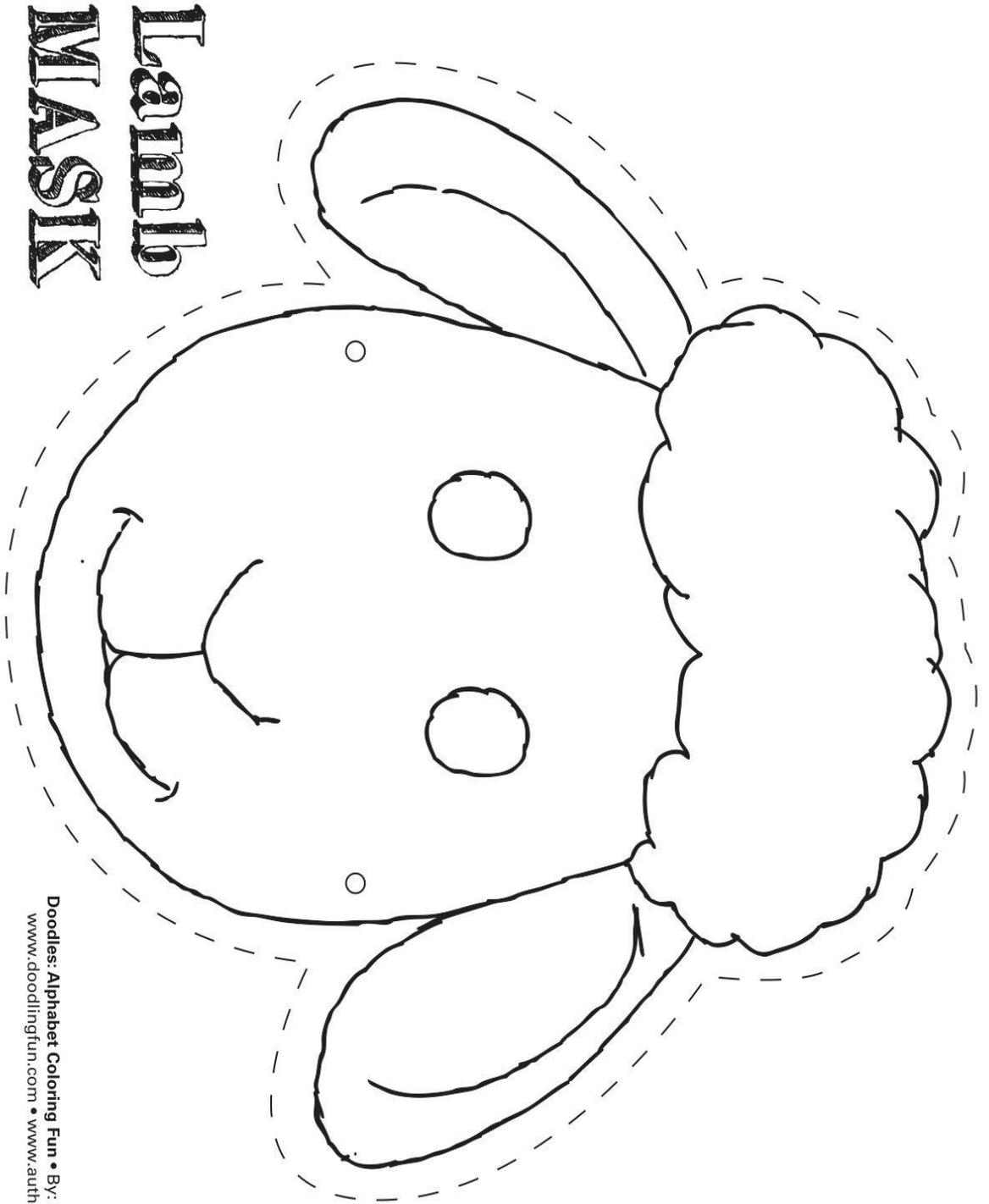
**Think:** This is one of Jesus' parables: a story to help people understand what he is trying to explain to them. If the adults are sheep and goats, then the children will be lambs and kids! What do you think is the difference between lambs and kids? (Think about their coats, horns,) but also, what are they like? Imagine you're a lamb, what would you be like? In Jesus' story, the lambs know that they can't manage on their own, and so they follow the shepherd who looks after them. Kids are stubborn and independent, they think they can manage without the shepherd, so they don't always follow him, even though he wants to look after them. Everyone matters to God, so any time we do something good for someone else, then it's as though we were doing it for him.

**Craft:** here you have a choice! Make a mask or colour a picture, see below. Or, make a marshmallow lamb!

**Activity:** Do lambs and kids play cricket? This is probably best played outdoors. You need a ball and a racket and 2 goals or 2 empty flower pots or something else to aim at. The bowler bowls the ball, and shouts lamb or kid. The batsman must try to get the ball into the right hand goal if it's a lamb and left hand goal if it's a kid. Swop roles. Indoors, use your hands to 'bat' with. Try waste paper bins and scrunched up paper or cotton wool balls. But mind the furniture and ornaments!

**Prayer:** Eternal God, we can't wait for Jesus to come back and take us to his party! But here and now, help us to be good little lambs. Show us how to follow you, how to share our food and drink, our homes and our things. Remind us to check on people who are ill and show us how to help people who have got into trouble too. Amen.

**The Grace:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.



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