



# Shepherd on The Search

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# Theme

## IN CHAINS

wrapped in paper chains or a  
toy chain (paper chain  
countdown to Christmas)

# Statement

I was tangled up, but look—these chains are broken!  
Jesus sets us free from fear, sin, and darkness. He is  
our rescuer and our light!



# Bible Verse

“He brought them out of  
darkness and the shadow of  
death, and broke their chains  
in pieces.”

Psalm 107:14

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# Theme

READING A BIBLE

Bible propped in his lap

# Statement

I was studying the Bible because God's Word helps guide my steps—just like it guides yours!



# Bible Verse

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Psalm 119:105

# Theme

STAR GAZING

looking out a window or  
surrounded by little paper stars

# Statement

I was counting the stars and remembering that  
creation points to God's greatness.



# Bible Verse

"The heavens declare the  
glory of God."

Psalm 19:1

# Theme

SHARING

snacks for everyone – a  
snack bag or plate of treats

# Statement

I brought a snack to remind you that  
sharing shows God's love!



# Bible Verse

"Do not forget to do good and  
to share with others."

Hebrews 13:16

# Theme

SERVING/HELPING  
putting a Band-Aid on a  
stuffed animal

# Statement

I was helping take care of the toys—just like God  
calls us to care for others.



# Bible Verse

“Serve one another humbly in  
love.”

Galatians 5:13

# Theme

LIGHT

holding a small flashlight or  
glow stick.

# Statement

I was shining this light to remember Jesus  
lights the way for us!



# Bible Verse

"I am the light of the world."

John 8:12



# Theme

BUILDING A HOUSE  
inside a block tower or  
holding a block.

# Statement

I was building with blocks—just like  
we build our lives on Jesus.



# Bible Verse

“Everyone who hears these  
words of mine... is like a wise  
man who built his house on  
the rock.”

Matthew 7:24

# Theme

SNUGGLED UP  
wrapped in a small cloth

# Statement

I was warming up with a blanket and remembering how God keeps us safe.



# Bible Verse

"God is our refuge and  
strength."

Psalms 46:1

# Theme

BAKING

holding a spoon or sitting  
near a mixing bowl.

# Statement

I was helping bake—God is even  
sweeter than your favorite treat!



# Bible Verse

"Taste and see that the Lord  
is good!"

Psalm 34:8

# Theme

COLORING

next to crayons and a little  
paper

# Statement

I was coloring to remember that God  
made you a masterpiece.



# Bible Verse

"We are God's workmanship."

Ephesians 2:10

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# Theme

HIDING

tucked inside a pair of shoes

# Statement

I hid in your shoes because our feet can  
go share God's love!



# Bible Verse

"How beautiful... are the feet  
of those who bring good  
news."

Isaiah 52:7

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# Theme

LOVING

holding a paper heart

# Statement

I brought this heart to remind you that  
God loved you first!



# Bible Verse

"We love because He first  
loved us."

1 John 4:19

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# Theme

DIRECTING  
sitting in a toy car

# Statement

I took a little drive—God guides  
every direction we take!



# Bible Verse

“The Lord directs the steps of  
the godly.”  
Psalm 37:23

# Theme

RESTING

lying in a cotton ball cloud

# Statement

I was resting because Jesus gives us peace and rest when we come to Him.



# Bible Verse

"Come to me... and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



# Theme

MIRROR

positioned in front of a mirror

# Statement

I looked in the mirror and remembered—  
God made you so wonderfully!



# Bible Verse

"I praise you because I am  
fearfully and wonderfully  
made."

Psalms 139:14

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# Theme

EXPLORING

next to a map or toy globe

# Statement

I was exploring the world—Jesus wants everyone to know His love!



# Bible Verse

“Go into all the world and  
preach the gospel.”

Mark 16:15

# Theme

RINGING A BELL

holding or leaning against a  
small bell

# Statement

I rang this bell to celebrate the  
good news of Jesus' birth!



# Bible Verse

"I bring you good news of  
great joy!"  
Luke 2:10

# Theme

## MAKING A PATH

standing at the start or end of  
a little path made of blocks or  
Cheerios

# Statement

I made a tiny path to remind you that  
God directs our steps.



# Bible Verse

"He will make your paths  
straight."  
Proverbs 3:6

# Theme

SHINING A LIGHT

holding or beside a light  
(candle or LED tea light)

# Statement

I lit this light to remind you to shine  
bright for Jesus!



# Bible Verse

"Let your light shine before  
others."

Matthew 5:16

# Theme

FEEDING AN ANIMAL  
holding a tiny bowl near a  
stuffed animal

# Statement

I was feeding this little lamb—Jesus cares for His sheep, and we should care for others.



# Bible Verse

“Feed my sheep.”

John 21:17

# Theme

THE GREATEST GIFT  
tied with ribbon or placed  
inside a gift box

# Statement

I wrapped myself because Jesus is  
the greatest gift of all.



# Bible Verse

"Thanks be to God for His  
indescribable gift!"  
2 Corinthians 9:15

# Theme

THE CROSS

standing beside a paper or  
block cross

# Statement

I was looking at the cross to remember  
God's big love for you.



# Bible Verse

"For God so loved the world..."

John 3:16



# Theme

NAVIGATING

holding or next to a toy  
compass

# Statement

I grabbed a compass to remember that God  
shows us the right way to go.



# Bible Verse

"I will instruct you and teach  
you... I will counsel you."

Psalm 32:8

# Theme

REJOICING

holding a paper star or sitting  
under one hanging above.

# Statement

I lifted this star because Jesus is our true joy!



# Bible Verse

"When they saw the star, they  
rejoiced."

Matthew 2:10

# Theme

DELIVERING A NOTE

holding a little rolled note or  
card

# Statement

I brought you a message to remind you that  
God has good plans for your life.



# Bible Verse

"For I know the plans I have  
for you."

Jeremiah 29:11

# Theme

FISHING

fishing for goldfish snacks or  
paper fish

# Statement

Jesus doesn't ask us to catch fish—He asks us to  
help bring people to Him.



# Bible Verse

"And Jesus said to them,  
Follow me and I will make  
you fishers of men."

Matthew 4:19

# Theme

SLEEPING

on a box of tissues or in a doll  
bed

# Statement

God gives us the kind of rest our hearts really need  
—peace that comes only from Him.



# Bible Verse

Truly my soul finds rest in  
God; my salvation comes  
from him.

Psalm 62:1

# Theme

RETURNING HOME  
placed with the nativity  
scene.

# Statement

I was visiting the manger—  
Jesus is the reason we celebrate!



# Bible Verse

“Today... a Savior has been  
born to you; He is Christ the  
Lord.”

Luke 2:11