ENJOY!

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Shepherd Tips

What?

Supplies:

- picnic or laundry basket to hold everything
- blanket to sit on
- "Shofar," our ram puppet/mascot shown here ➐
- The Toddlers Bible
- bookmark with verse for the month
- take-home paper for the week
- crayons
- other craft, activity, and snack supplies as desired
- picture book (one for each month is included in Enjoy! materials)

Who?

Staff:

- one drop-in teacher who can commit to 10 minutes every week
- a substitute drop-in person
- care providers as needed for the entire nursery session

How?

The Lesson Steps (for drop-in teacher):

- **Hear Our Shofar**
  Enter nursery with basket in hand. Spread blanket on floor. Toot shofar horn to gather children for Bible time. Let "Shofar" puppet greet each child.
- **Sing Our Song**
  Choose one simple song or chorus for all month. Make up simple actions. Let puppet lead. Make it fun, short and sweet—a joyful noise no matter how well you sing.
- **Look in Our Book**
  Use *The Toddlers Bible* (by V. Gilbert Beers, Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1992.) Help children treasure God's Word as their very own, treating the Bible with wonder, eagerness, and respect. Mark the story location with the special bookmark. Let the children find the bookmark and open the Bible. Then read the verse and story.
- **Talk to Our Shepherd**
  After the Bible story, take time to pray. Thank God for His Word and for bringing us to His house this day. Bless each child by name before sending them off to play.

The Extras (ideas for sitters to use as desired throughout playtime):

- **More Delightables**
  These optional crafts, snacks, and activities can be done as follow-up by the care providers, with the drop-in teacher providing necessary supplies. Handle on a one-to-one basis with interested children only. Be sure to send home the coloring paper with the "Dear Family" note each week.

Teaching Enjoy!

Enjoy Tishrei!
New Beginnings—Messiah Returns

> **Unit Aim:**
> To hope for Messiah's return.
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> **Verse:**
> *"I wait for the Lord"* (from Psalm 130:5).
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> **Suggested Theme Song:**
> "Sound the Shofar"

Week 1   Rosh haShanah—The Shofar Sounds

Background: The Lord comes back to earth at the sound of the trumpet (I Thes. 4:13-18).

Enjoy! (10 minutes with drop-in teacher and puppet)
• Hear Our Shofar (toot shofar horn to gather children).
• Sing Our Song (puppet leads theme song with actions).
• Look in Our Book (find bookmark, read verse and pages 376-379).
• Talk to Our Shepherd (pray and bless each child).

More Delightables (optional activities with sitters throughout playtime)
• Color shofar shapes cut from paper plates.
• Eat Bugle corn chips or sugar cones. Toot before you eat.
• Browse the Tishrei picture book. Look for the shofar.
• Send home the "shofar" paper and paper plate shofars.

Week 2   Yom Kippur—The Book of Life Opens

Background: The Book of Life is opened on Judgment Day (Revelation 20:11-15).

Enjoy! (10 minutes with drop-in teacher and puppet)
• Hear Our Shofar (toot shofar horn to gather children).
• Sing Our Song (puppet leads theme song with actions).
• Look in Our Book (find bookmark, read verse and pages 216-219).
• Talk to Our Shepherd (pray and bless each child).

More Delightables (optional activities with sitters throughout playtime)
• Put children's names in a "Book of Life" scroll made on butcher paper.
• Browse the Tishrei picture book. Look for the Book of Life.
• At the end of the day, cut scroll names apart, roll up and tie with yarn.
• Send home the "Book of Life" paper and name scroll.

Enjoy Tishrei!

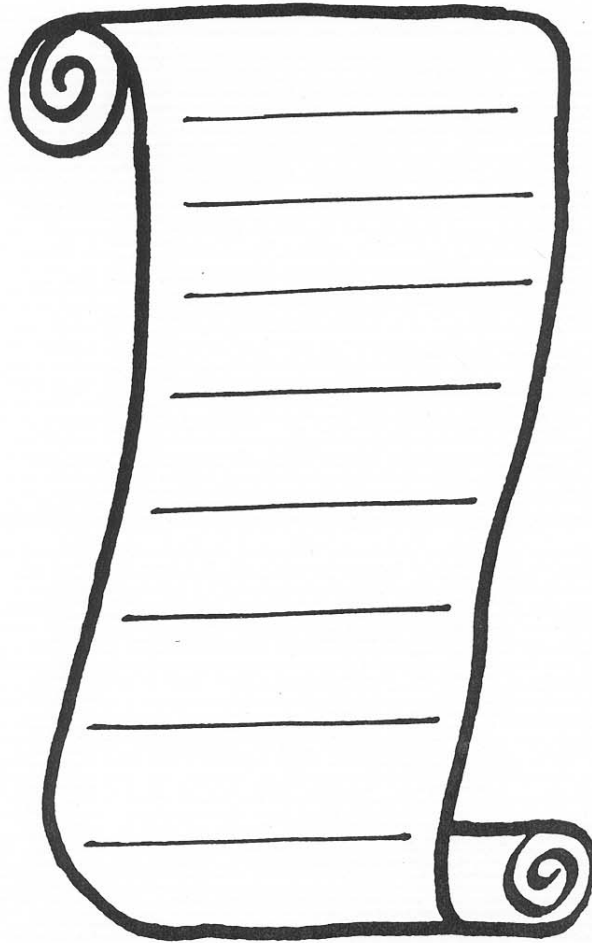Dear Family,
    Today I listened for the Shofar. Yeshua is coming back!
                                                    Love,

Shofar

"I wait for the Lord." from Psalm 130:5

Dear Family,
   If you love Yeshua, your name is in the Book of Life!
                                              Love,

BOOK of Life

"I wait for the Lord." from Psalm 130:5

Dear Family,
    Here is my verse. We can put this bookmark in our Bible.
                                                            Love,

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