

# Scout with Pre-K and K

**God created playful sheepdogs, like Scout. Have fun with Scout as he helps you lead playful children in learning about their great and loving God.**

## **Scout**

- desires to please others.
- can be stubborn at times.
- can learn to obey.
- offers love and affection.
- is spirited.

**Use Scout whenever you can.** Scout will be used in the lessons to

- greet children as they arrive.
- help gather the children for the Bible story time.
- sing with the children.
- introduce and act out the extra hour puppet story.

**Scout can help you at other times too.** Use Scout to

- make announcements or hand out award stickers.
- give instructions.
- encourage and praise children.
- lead in cleanup or saying good-bye.

**Scout can be used in a variety of classroom situations.** He can

- cower when the children become too noisy.
- act out getting along with others.
- demonstrate emotions felt during stressful moments.

**Become Scout's friend.** Practice with Scout in front of a mirror. See if you can get Scout to

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| • hug/kiss | • wave          | • hide/cover eyes                    |
| • jump/run | • nod           | • peer back and forth                |
| • shake    | • cry/wipe tear | • fetch (pick up or hold an object)  |
| • lick     | • act surprised | • raise one paw (to answer question) |
| • dig      | • roll over     | • sleep (cradled in teacher's arm)   |

**Scout doesn't need to talk aloud.** Nor does he need to appear from behind a puppet stage. Simply hold Scout and let him whisper in your ear. Then tell the children what Scout has told or asked you.

## **Early Childhood Worship Time**

With HeartShaper's preschool and pre-K & K curriculum, you can combine your early childhood classes for a special worship time! Sing the shared Bible Memory and unit songs included on the *Resources* CD. Talk about the day's focus and Bible story. Then bring out Scout and Scamper, the age-level puppets, for a fun story based on the day's theme. Close every worship time with a prayer of praise to our wonderful God!

Be sure to order and download *Puppet Scripts for Preschool Worship* (#025626215), featuring Scout and Scamper!

## **Special Needs Tip**

Children with special needs and/or developmental disabilities can feel very insecure about the classroom environment. While they may inwardly want to participate, the world with its sounds, senses, and textures is a frightening place. Building a relationship with Scout gives them an instant companion that can comfort them in the classroom and even help express their fears.

—Vangie Rodenbeck

