

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



4th Sunday of Easter

8 May 2022 - Year C

"I give my sheep eternal life."

Something to Think About

If you close your eyes, can you imagine the voice of someone you love?
How do you feel when you hear that voice?

The Story

In Jesus' time, shepherds knew their sheep and their sheep knew them! A different person could go into the sheepfold and call a sheep by name but the sheep would not respond. They knew their master's voice. If a shepherd called their sheep, immediately they would follow. They didn't need sheep dogs or to round up the sheep - the sheep responded to the sound of the master's voice.

God knows each one of us. We are not just one of the crowd. We may look and sound similar and there are billions of 'us', but God can sort us out, easily identifying who is who. This is a story of great love!

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

10:27-30

Jesus said to his disciples:
"My sheep know my voice, and I know them.
They follow me,
and I give them eternal life,
so that they will never be lost.
No one can snatch them out of my hand.
My Father gave them to me,
and he is greater than all others.
No one can snatch them from his hands,
and I am one with the Father."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Click to watch the video: [The Good Shepherd](#)



Group Discussion

What was Jesus really talking about in today's gospel story? Is it just about sheep, or is it really about something else?

Talk together about the ways that Jesus cares for you and protects you like a Good Shepherd.

Praying For Others

Leader: Gathered as one with all creation, let us pray for the needs of the world:

Reader 1: We pray for leaders who are wise and caring shepherds. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for our parents and teachers and those who care for us. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for people who are lonely or sad. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that we will listen to Jesus' voice and follow it. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for courage to care for others. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear Jesus,
You are the good shepherd.
Help us to listen to you
and follow you.
Amen.

Group Activity

Cotton Wool Sheep

You will need: template for each child printed on construction paper, cotton wool balls, glue

- 1) Cover the body of your sheep in glue.
- 2) Then place cotton balls all over the gluey section to make a fluffy sheep!
- 3) Cover the paper plate fish with glue and place coloured tissue paper pieces all over the fish.
- 4) Glue the eye onto the fish.
- 5) Optional: you may like to add fin shaped cardboard pieces to the top and bottom of your paper plate fish.





Jesus is the Good Shepherd



“THE SHEEP THAT BELONG TO ME LISTEN TO MY VOICE”

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I HAVE A PET **IMAGINE YOU HAVE A PET**

MY PET IS A DOG **A CAT** **A LAMB** **ANOTHER** _____

I LOOK AFTER MY PET BY FEEDING **PLAYING** **WASHING**

I LIKE TO TALK TO MY PET: YES NO

MY PET LISTENS TO MY VOICE: YES NO

I LOVE MY PET: YES NO **MY PET'S NAME IS** _____