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The Fourth Sunday
of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
30 April, 2023

John 10:3b-4

The good shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

Heavenly Father, we are thankful that we have a Shepherd who knows our name. Help us to follow him when he calls. **Amen.**

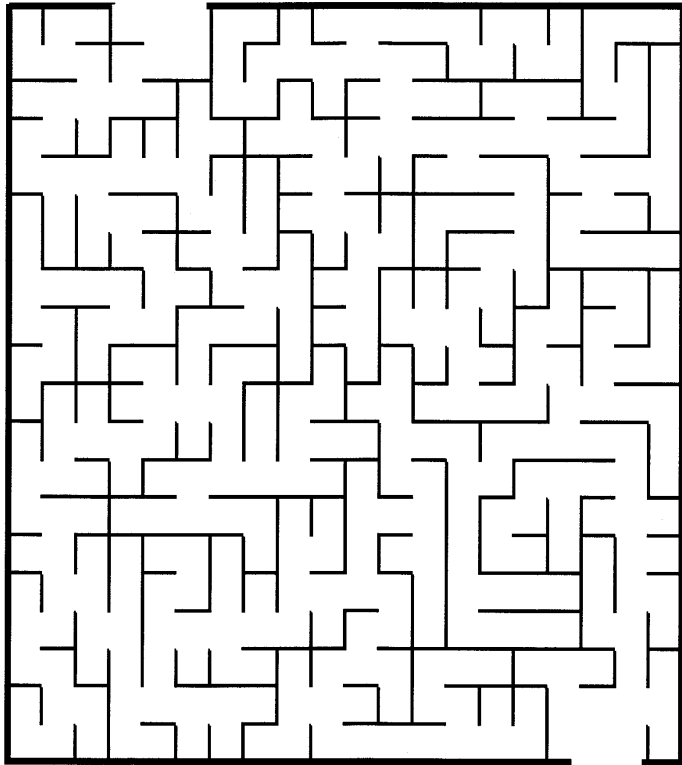


The shepherd calls his sheep. The sheep at the bottom of this page hears his voice and wants to follow the shepherd. Help the sheep find his way to the shepherd.

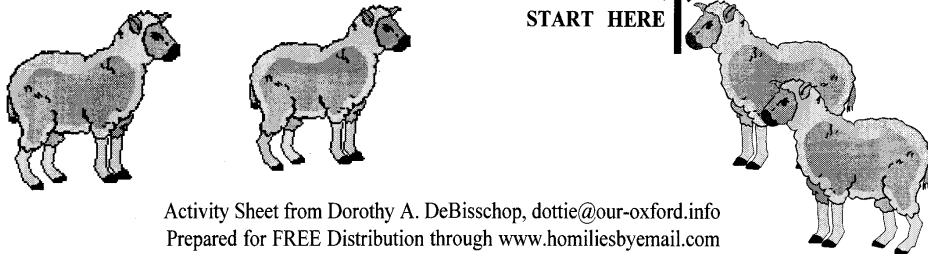
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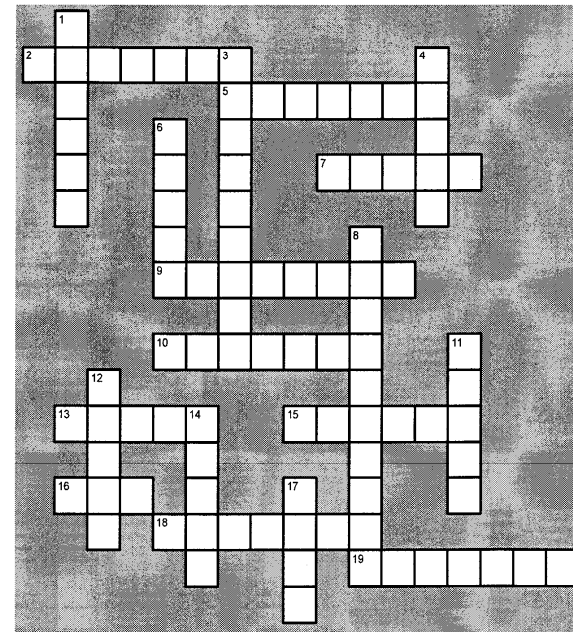
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Crossword: John 10:1-10 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.

Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

- 2 across) Jesus said: "I tell you for certain that only thieves and _____ climb
11 down) over the _____ instead of going in through the gate to the sheep pen.
17 down) But the gatekeeper opens the _____ for the shepherd,
5 across) and he goes in _____ it.
6 down) The sheep know their shepherd's _____.
13 across) He calls each of them by name and _____ them out.
7 across) When he has led out all of his _____, he walks in front of them,
1 down) and they _____, because they know his voice.
3 down) The sheep will not follow _____.
16 across) They don't recognize a stranger's voice, and they _____ away.
12 down) _____ told the people this story.
8 down) But they did not _____ what he was talking about.
18 across) Jesus said: I tell you for _____ that I am the gate for the sheep.
4 down) Everyone who came before me was a _____ or a robber,
15 across) and the sheep did not _____ to any of them.
14 down) I am the gate. All who come in through me will be _____.
10 across) Through me they will come and go and find _____.
19 across) A thief comes only to rob, kill, and _____.
9 across) I came so that _____ would have life, and have it in its fullest.





Word Search: John 10:1-10 (CEV)

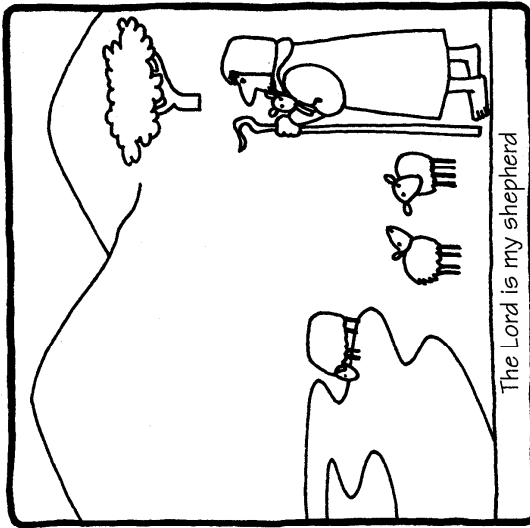


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|-----------|---------|----------|------------|
| ROBBERS | FENCE | GATE | THROUGH |
| VOICE | LEADS | SHEEP | FOLLOW |
| STRANGERS | RUN | JESUS | UNDERSTAND |
| CERTAIN | THIEF | LISTEN | SAVED |
| PASTURE | DESTROY | EVERYONE | |

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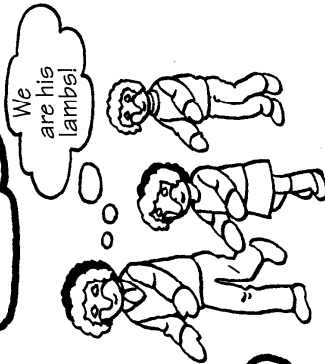
The shepherd love and takes good care of the sheep, and the sheep love him and come when he calls. Jesus is the good shepherd who loves and takes care of us.



The Lord is my shephera

For parents to pray with your child

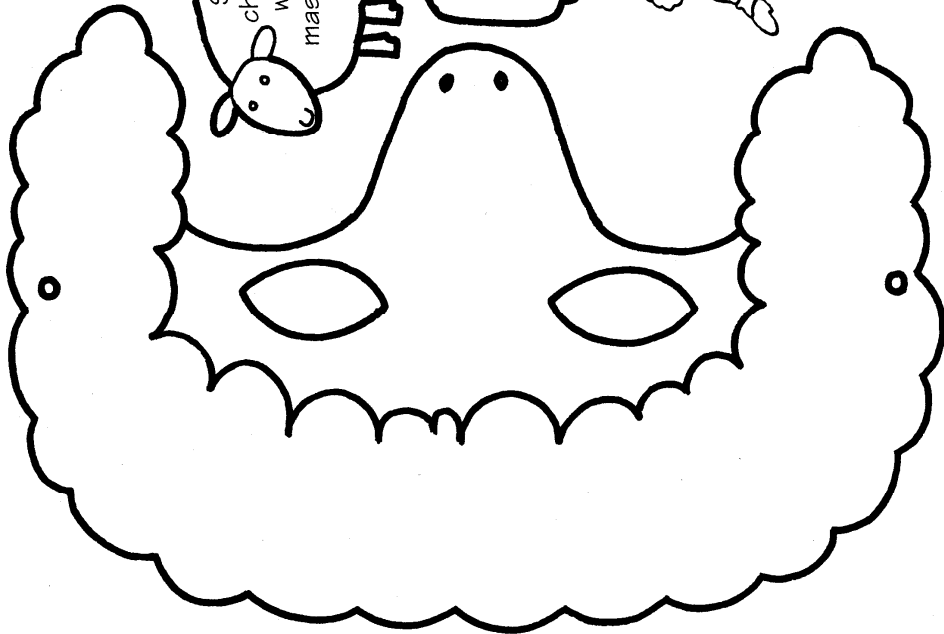
Dear Jesus,
 you are my shepherd and
 I am one of your lambs.
 Thank you for loving me
 and looking after me.
 Amen.



Stick some chopped white wool on your mask and tie it on with wool

Can you add more sheep?

We are his are his lambe!



THE GOOD SHEPHERD IS ...

THE GOOD SHEPHERD IS NOT ...

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD:
 THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.
 FRESH AND GREEN ARE THE PASTURES
 WHERE HE GIVES ME RESTORE.
 NEAR RESTFUL WATERS HE LEADS ME
 TO REVIVE MY DROOPING SPIRIT.
 HE GUIDES ME ALONG THE RIGHT PATH,
 HE IS TRUE TO HIS NAME.
 IF I SHOULD WALK IN THE VALLEY
 OF DARKNESS,
 NO EVIL WOULD I FEAR.
 YOU ARE THERE WITH YOUR CROOK
 AND YOUR STAFF;
 WITH THESE YOU GIVE ME COMFORT.
 — FROM PSALM 23 —

SHEPHERDING

WHY DOES JESUS CALL HIMSELF A SHEPHERD? There were a lot of sheep around at the time. And it's a good picture of God's care for us.

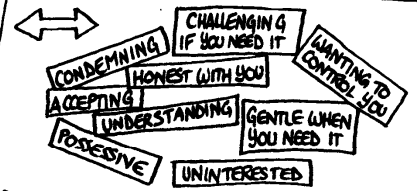
ARE YOU SAYING I'M A SHEEP?

Er, yes! Jesus thought we were all a bit like sheep. Dozy sometimes, scattering and panicking, not very good at getting ourselves out of trouble, but excellent at getting into it.

I SUPPOSE I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT'S PRETTY REALISTIC - FOR THE OTHERS, OF COURSE.

Mmm!
 IF YOU ARE A SHEEP, IT'S CERTAINLY A REALLY TRUSTWORTHY SHEPHERD YOU NEED, ISN'T IT?

It is. And Jesus is the best shepherd you could ever have!



MAKE THIS FOR YOUR CHURCH

