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## Good Shepherd Sunday The Fourth Sunday of Easter 21 April, 2024

John 10:11

Jesus said: I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Dear Jesus, you are our shepherd and we are some of your lambs. Thank you for loving us and looking after us. Amen



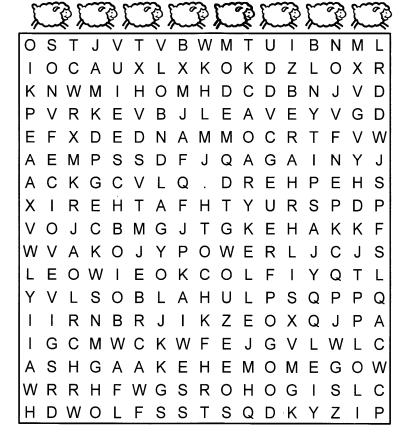
## <u>Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.</u> Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

John 10:11-18 (CEV)

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Across) I am the good shepherd, and the good shepherd gives up his for his sheep.	
5 Down) Hired are not like the shepherd.	
3 Across) They don't own the sheep, and when they see a coming,	7 1 5
12 Down) they run off and the sheep.	10 11
2 Down) Then the wolf attacks and scatters the	12 13 13 15
14 Down) Hired workers run away because they don't about the sheep.	
9 Down) I am the shepherd. I know my sheep, and they know me.	
4 Down) Just as the knows me, I know the Father, and I give up my life for my sheep.	
11 Down) I have other that are not in this sheep pen.	
10 Across) I must bring them together too, when they hear my	
13 Across) Then there will be one flock of sheep and one	
12 Across) The Father me, because I give up my life,	
15 Across) so that I may receive it back	
8 Down) No one takes my life from me. I it up willingly!	
7 Down) I have the to give it up and the power to receive it back again,	
6 Across) just as my Father me to do.	
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AGAIN FATHER GOOD LOVES

SHEPHERD.
WORKERS

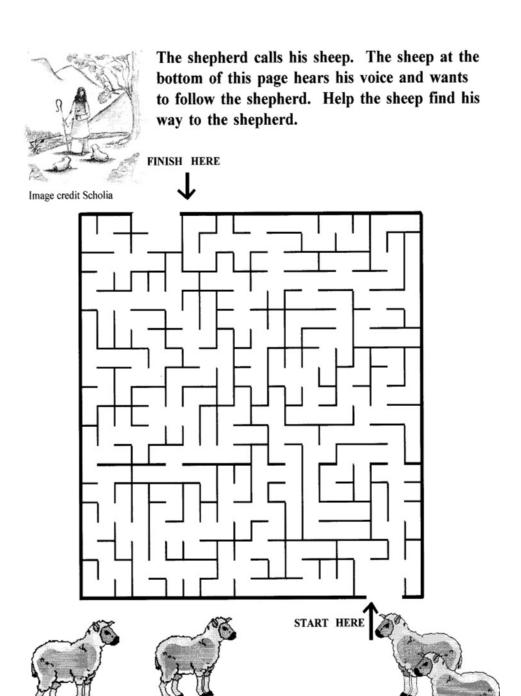
CARE FLOCK LEAVE POWER VOICE COMMANDED

GIVE LIFE

SHEEP WOLF



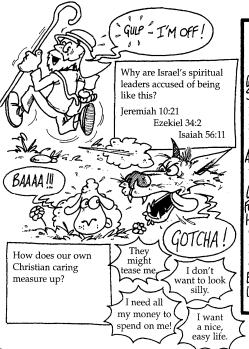
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COMFORT ME.

FOR EVER.

-PSALM 23-

AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

## I AM THE

WHY DID JESUS SAY HE WAS THE GOOD' SHEPHERD? All those listening to Jesus knew that only the shepherds who really cared for the sheep would bother to take risks for them.

AND JESUS IS A RISK-TAKING SHEPHERD? Yes. Jesus knows us really well, and loves us.

WHAT ABOUT LAYING DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US — IT SOUNDS AS IF JESUS COULD HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO BE KILLED .

That's right. He could have called on all heaven's powers to get down from that cross and walk away.

BUT THEN HE WOULDN'T HAVE SAVEDUS, WOULD HE? No.



BECAUSE THEY WERE TELLING EVERYONE