

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

LECTIONARY: YEAR B

25TH APRIL 2021

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

'I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD'

WHITE.

Acts 4: 8-12

Psalm: 118

John 31: 1-2

John: 10: 11-36

PRAYER SPACE:

Dear Parent's/Guardians.

White cloth, Bible preferably children's Bible [catholic edition]

Candle, an image of a shepherd staff.

THE WORD:

In today's Gospel we hear when Jesus said to His disciples.

'I am the Good Shepherd.' Jesus compares himself to a shepherd. The Good shepherd loves his sheep. He is prepared to make sacrifices for them to be sure that his sheep are healthy and safe. Jesus describes himself as the

good shepherd. He knew that we needed our sins to be washed away, so he was prepared to lay down his life for us!

What does a Shepherd do?

A shepherd is responsible to look after sheep. He guards the sheep to safe places where they could find grass to eat and water to drink, and a safe place to rest. The sheep learned to follow the shepherd. The sheep recognises the shepherds voice and follow him. The sheep trust the shepherd because the shepherd cares for them and wants them to live a better way.

If a wolf came to attack the sheep, the shepherd would protect them and fight off the wolf. Other people or other ideas attempt to lead us astray or lie to us about what is the most important. Jesus is the only one we should trust into and listen to.

The reason Jesus is talking about shepherds and sheep is because He's saying sort of the same thing with him and us.

That he is like a shepherd and we are like his sheep.

Because if we choose to follow Jesus, we will learn what he does, what is important to him, and what he says by reading the Bible stories about him. As we learn those things about Jesus by following Him, we will see how Jesus leads us to and show us how to live God's better way. And the reason why he will do this is because he cares for us, just like a shepherd cares for his sheep. This is the good news for today: When we choose to follow Jesus, then Jesus shows us how to live God's life and live it abundantly [which means] a lot.

MEMORY VERSE:

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD LAY

DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS

SHEEP.

JUST FOR THOUGHT:

The shepherd defends his sheep by using his staff or crook, a long stick to show love for his sheep.

He rubs it against a sheep's back and pulls a shy lamb closer.

The rod and staff makes the sheep feel safe.

FAMILY PRAYER.

Dear Jesus, you are our Good Shepherd. Guide us in all our ways and keep us safe in your loving arms. AMEN.

SHEEP ACTIVITY:

Dear Parent's/Guardians, please share and assist the following sheep activity with your children.

Props needed:

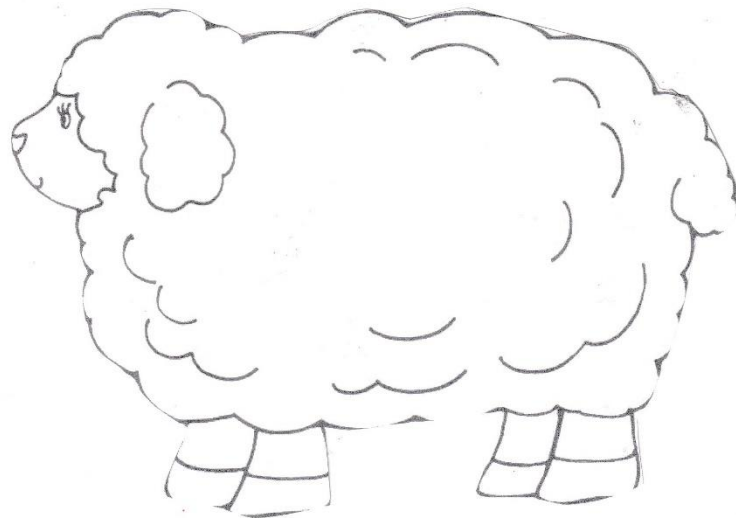
Cotton wool balls [white]

glue, cardboard, scissors.

Download and cut around the image of the sheep.

Place and glue the image of the sheep on cardboard, and cut around the shape of the sheep glued on the cardboard.

Glue the cotton wool balls on the sheep, have children colour the ears and face and legs of the sheep.



JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

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