

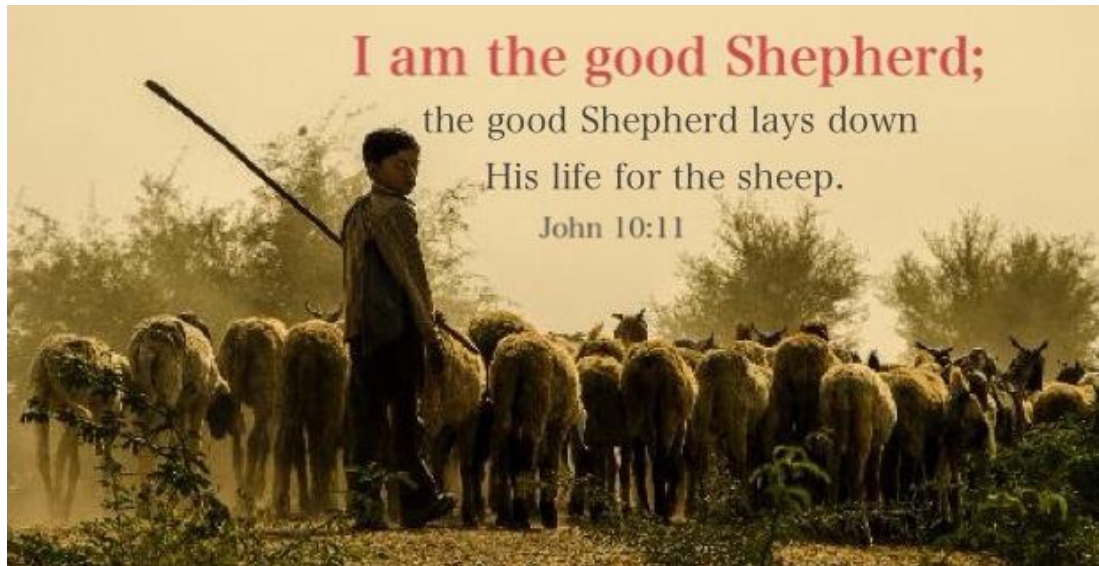
# CATECHESIS@HOME 2021 #10

## "I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

(4th Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday)



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### INTRODUCTION

This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the scripture readings of 4th Sunday of Easter. Today, the Church also celebrates Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocation Sunday.

### HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

### WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.

### OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we have gathered here in the name of Jesus. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for being the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Peace, guide us during this family gathering. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



## **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Invite someone to read John 10: 11-18. Then, as a family reflect on the questions given below and share your responses with one another. If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding.

### Time of reflection and response:

1. Consider the qualities that make someone a good shepherd. Is there anyone in my life whom I believe is a good shepherd? Who are they and why?
2. Do I believe I have been a good shepherd to those around me? If yes, how so? If not, what changes could I make in my life now, that would help me be a good shepherd to those around me?
3. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows me. What could I do during this time, to know Him better?
4. In light of the present Covid-19 pandemic, how has Jesus been my Good Shepherd? (Allow yourself to remember the events that took place since the commencement of the Movement Control Order (MCO last year). How has life been like since then?)
5. In John 10:10, Jesus says that He has come to give us the fullness of life. What do His words mean for you at this time?

### Say together as a family:

"The good shepherd always watches over his sheep. He knows each one of them and cares for them. The Lord watches over me. He knows me and cares for me too. I ask God for the humility I need, that I might listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd, and allow him to lead me - even if in ways I do not understand."

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### For parents and older children

*At a later time, read the message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2021 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS given on 19 March 2021 - "Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocation"*

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/pa-pa-francesco\\_20210319\\_58-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/pa-pa-francesco_20210319_58-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni.html)

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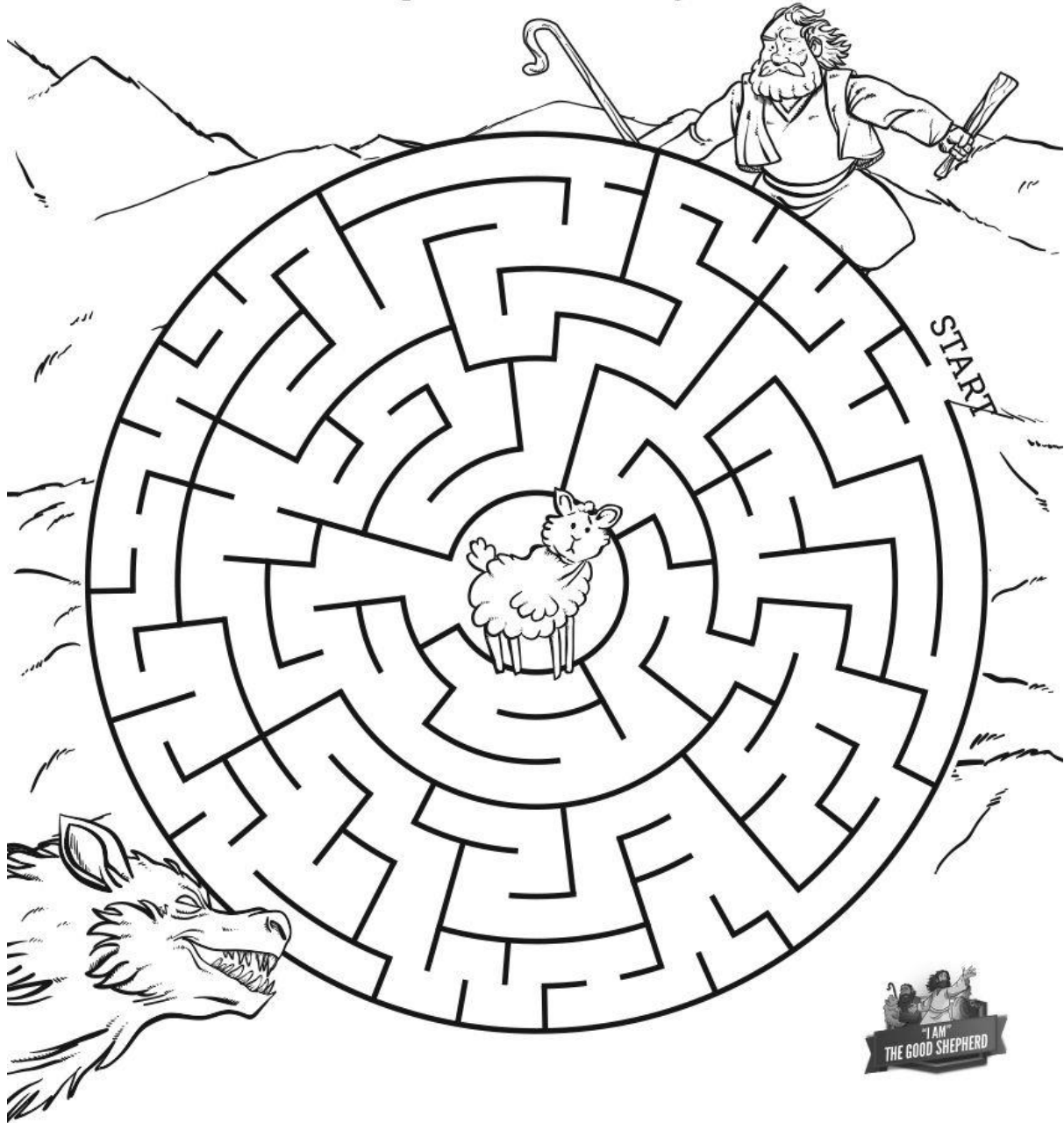
## FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the first reading and the Gospel passage. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

Activity #1: Protect the Sheep.

# "I AM" THE GOOD SHEPHERD

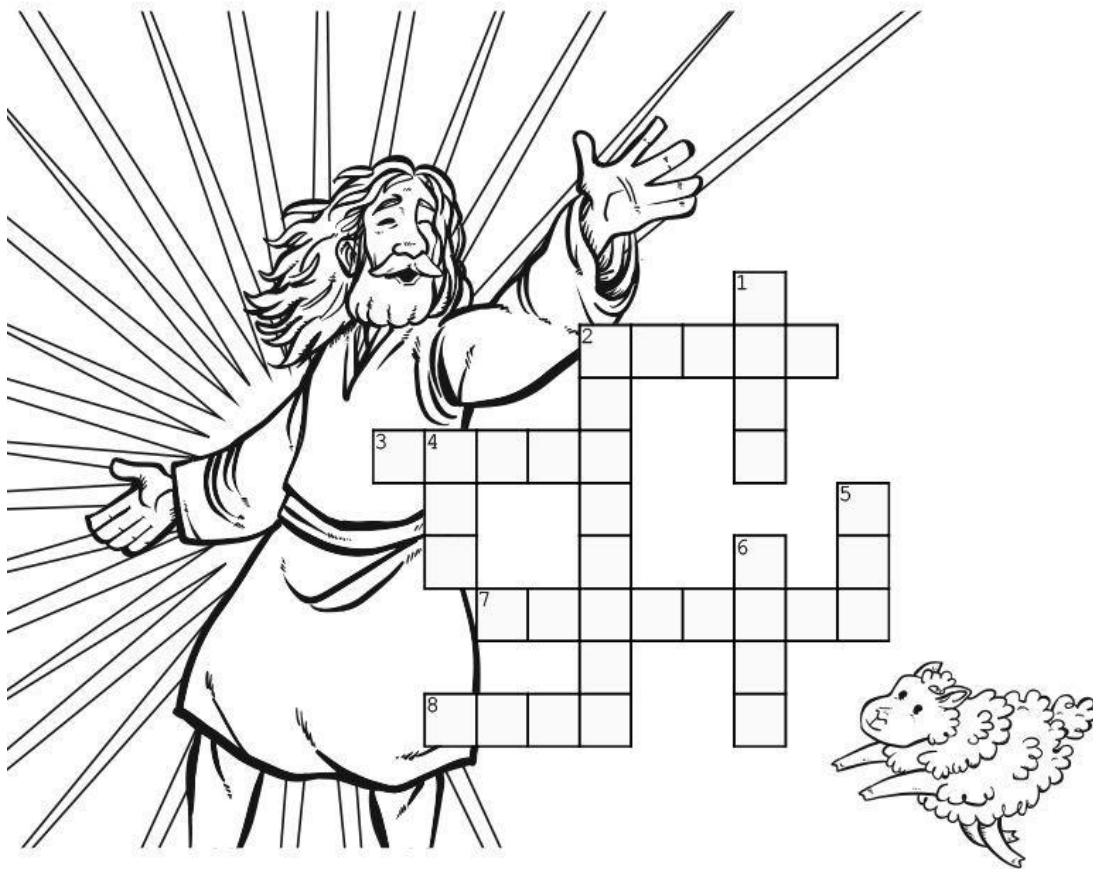
Protect the sheep before the enemy reaches them.



Activity #2: Solve the puzzle.

# "I AM" THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:1-18



**Across**

2. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my \_\_\_\_\_, and I know them, and they follow me."
7. In each of the "I am" statements, Jesus continues to reveal His true \_\_\_\_\_.
8. A hireling is someone who gets \_\_\_\_\_ to watch over the sheep.

**Down**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Good Shepherd's voice and follow Him.
2. Jesus said, "I am the good \_\_\_\_\_."
4. How many ways are there to heaven?
5. Jesus said, "I am the \_\_\_\_\_, the truth, and the life."
6. Jesus came to serve, not to be served, and to give His \_\_\_\_\_ as a ransom for many.



Activity #3: Find the words.

## The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)

Based on John 10:11-18 (NIV)



V D Q A U T H O R I T Y Q Y I  
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S M I K S V L S E O F K R O A  
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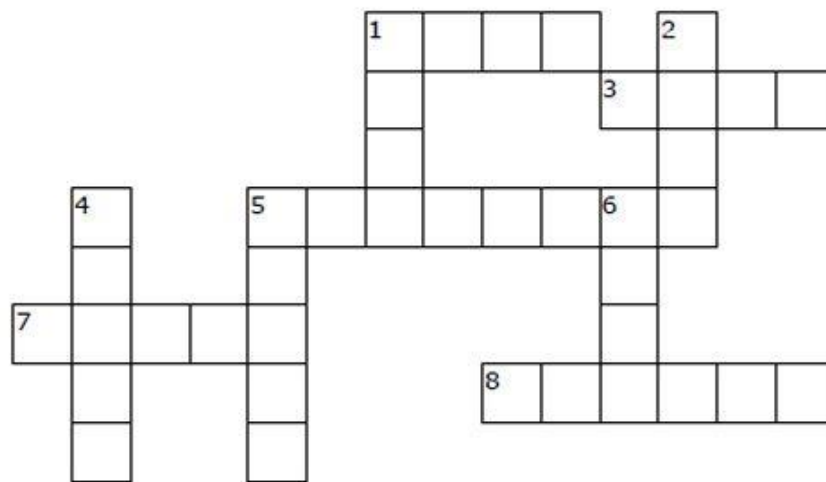
WOLF	FLOCK	GOOD	KNOW	AUTHORITY
PEN	CARES	RUNS	SCATTERS	VOICE
SHEPHERD	FATHER	HIRED	ATTACKS	LOVES
LISTEN	LIFE	HAND	SHEEP	AWAY

Activity #4: Solve the puzzle.

# The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 10:11-18



## ACROSS

1. The period from birth to death
3. A wild animal that look like a dog and hunts in a pack
5. One who takes care of the sheep
7. What we use to speak
8. To hear or pay attention to something

## DOWN

1. A strong feeling of affection
2. The opposite of bad
4. A group of sheep herded together
5. Wooly animals which are similar to goats
6. Goes faster than walking

SHEPHERD	GOOD	LIFE	SHEEP	WOLF
FLOCK	RUNS	VOICE	LISTEN	LOVE


Activity #5: Find the words.

S	R	L	F	O	W	O	R	D	S	GOOD	SHEPHERD	SHEEP	WOLF
N	P	E	E	H	S	C	E	S	C	VOICE	ABANDONS	FATHER	LEAD
O	D	P	W	D	I	R	H	D	A	FLOCK	WILL	POWER	COMMAND
D	E	E	A	O	I	E	T	N	T				
N	A	E	V	H	P	F	A	A	T				
A	L	S	C	H	F	I	F	M	R				
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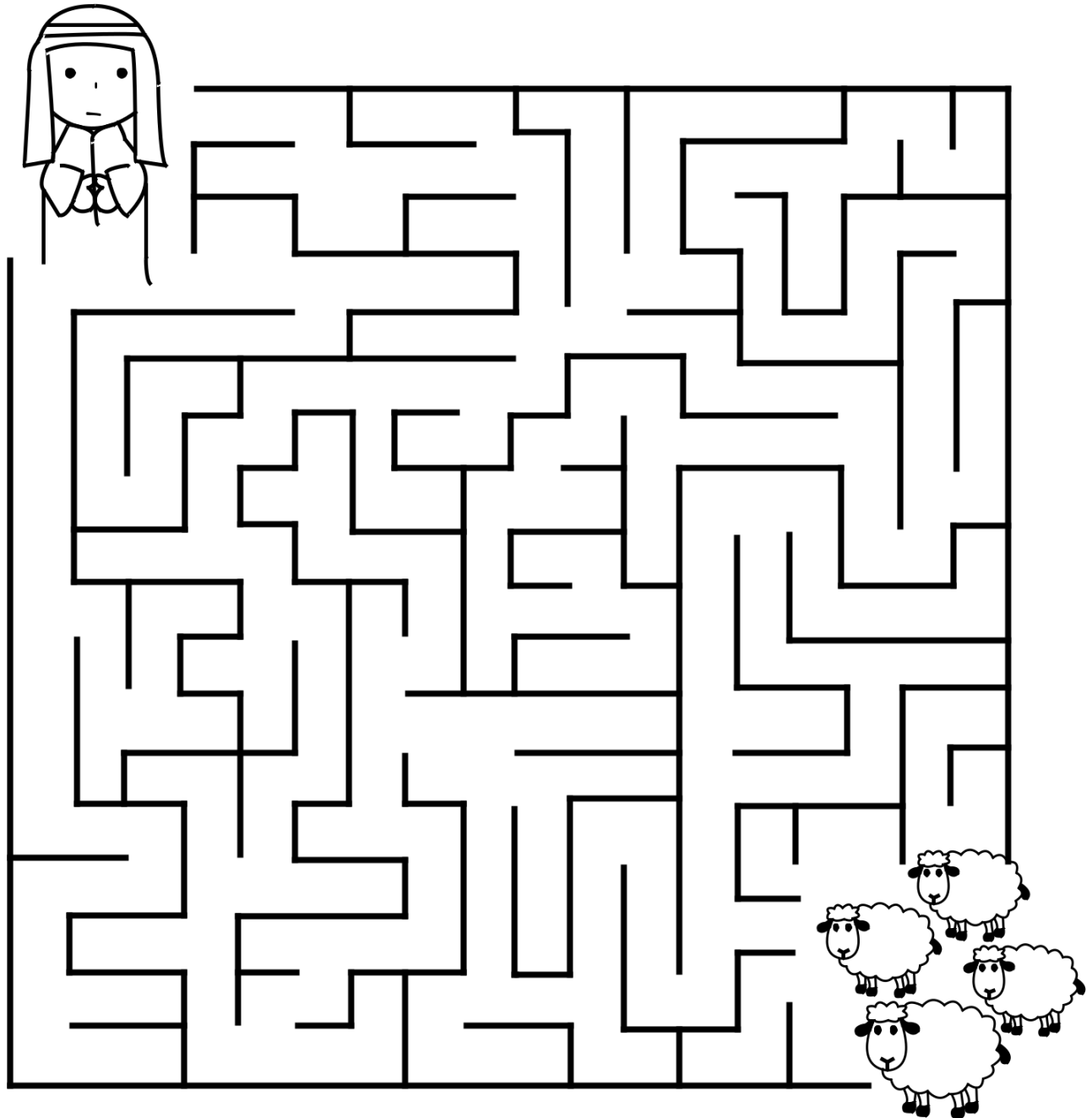


Activity #6: Find the words.

I	F	K	W	O	L	L	O	F	E	JESUS	
E	N	O	Y	N	A	T	A	R	H	VOICE	
T	S	E	L	G	N	O	L	E	B	ETERNAL	
N	T	U	S	L	E	B	T	T	L	STEAL	
E	E	E	S	H	E	E	P	A	A	NEVER	
F	A	T	H	E	R	V	L	E	E	SHEEP	
I	W	S	S	N	J	O	I	R	T	KNOW	
L	V	O	A	I	C	I	E	G	S	LIFE	
E	R	L	N	O	L	C	W	O	K	FATHER	
H	T	A	F	K	R	E	V	E	N	GREATER	

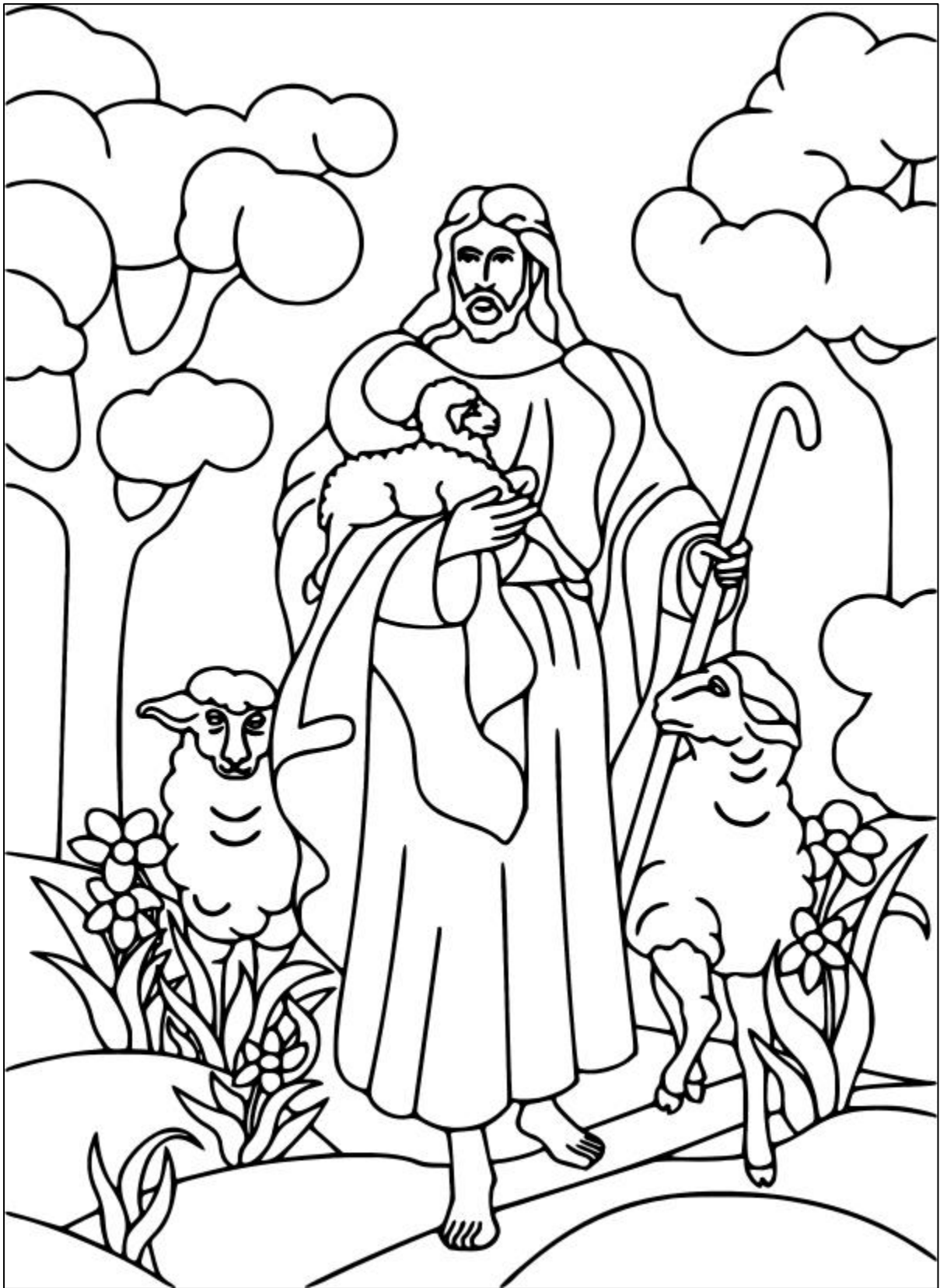


Activity #7: Help the shepherd find the lost sheep.





Activity #8: Colour the picture.



## Activity #9: Empty Tomb Easter Craft



### Item required:

- 2 paper plates
- Construction / coloured paper (any colour).
- Scissors (parents to help for the younger ones).
- Glue stick
- A brad fastener or something similar. →
- Markers or crayons or paint to decorate.



1. Cut a circle out of the center of one paper plate as seen in the picture.
2. Cut out a larger circle from the center of the second plate.
3. You'll use the larger circle which you have cut out as the "stone" covering the front of the tomb.



4. Using your larger circle, trace a copy onto the construction/ coloured paper and cut it out.
5. You can throw away the second paper plate.



6. Use your glue stick to glue the construction / coloured paper to your first paper plate.
7. Use your markers or paint to decorate the paper plate tomb and the 'stone' however you wish.



8. Attach the larger circle 'stone' to the front of your plate. This will be the 'stone' that the guards rolled in front of the tomb.
9. Use a toothpick to punch a hole into the plate and the 'stone' for a brad fastener. Or ask your parent to use a scissor to make a hole large enough to get the fastener attached.



10. Use a marker to write, "He is Risen!" on the construction / coloured paper inside your "tomb" as a reminder that the tomb is empty!
11. Enjoy rolling the stone away for this Easter reminder.

## Activity #10: Prayer for Vocations

*Lead your child/children to say this prayer*

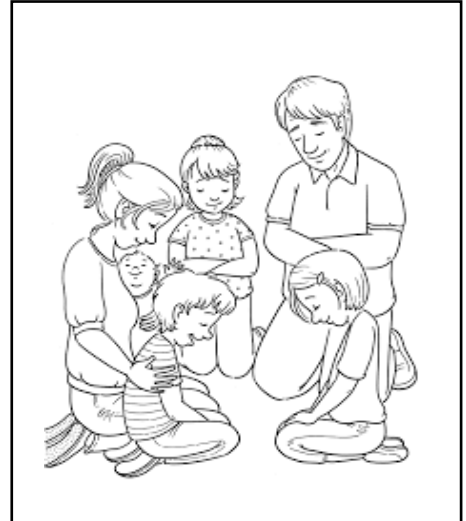
### Children's "Prayer to Know My Vocation"

God, my Father,  
You created me with a special purpose  
for my life; this is my vocation.

Please help me to hear,  
understand, and follow  
Your call with my whole heart,  
so that I may always do Your will.

Mary, Mother of God and my Mother,  
pray for me to know and accept God's will for my life.  
Saint Joseph, pray for me.

Amen.



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*As a family, say this prayer*

### A Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us  
to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire  
young people whom You call to  
the priesthood and consecrated life  
to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest  
so that the Gospel is preached,  
the poor are served with love,  
the suffering are comforted,  
and Your people are strengthened  
by the sacraments.

We ask this through  
Christ our Lord, Amen.



Source: <https://www.worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/praying-for-vocations/prayers-for-vocations/>