



4th Sunday of Easter

April 2024

John 10:11-18

You can share a variety of liturgies linked to this week's gospel with your child at home.



You can find weekly Gospel Liturgies from The Mark 10 Mission by clicking on the link [here](#).

You can also share the Children's Liturgy from Redemptorist Publications with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph by clicking this link [here](#).

Check this newsletter regularly for other links to liturgies designed for children.

Each week, you can download a weekly Bible verse from *The God Who Speaks* website. [Click here](#) to access the Weekly Bible Verse archive.

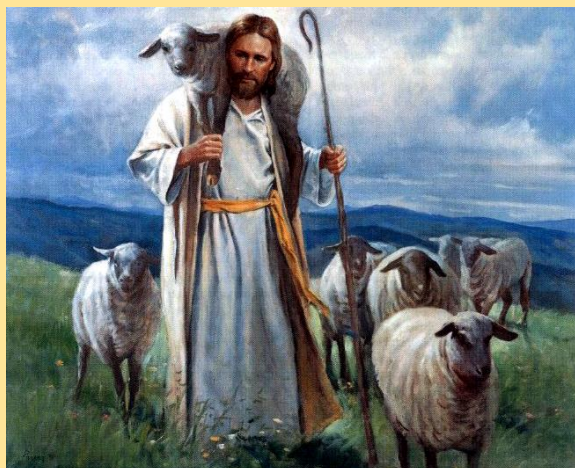


The Bible and Catholics
All Scripture is inspired by God

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep. When the hired man, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; so the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. The hired man runs away because he is only a hired man and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them. There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

"The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order that I may receive it back again. No one takes my life away from me. I give it up of my own free will. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it back. This is what my Father has commanded me to do." (Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation® and used with permission)



Jesus calls himself the good shepherd, who carefully looks after his sheep. Why do you think Jesus calls himself a shepherd?

When he says sheep, Jesus means us, because he cares for us and for all people around the world.

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus loves and cares for you that much?

If a wolf came to attack the sheep in a field, someone who did not care about them would run away, and the sheep would scatter. But Jesus loves his sheep so much he is prepared to die to save them from danger!

Sometimes it can be very difficult to stop someone or something that we do not like or that we know is wrong. We might be afraid that we will be hurt or laughed at.

Have you ever felt like running away and hiding instead of standing up for someone? What happened? What did you do?

There are many things that happen in the world that are not right. Can you think of some? There are people around the world who have been forced to leave their homes because of fighting. There are people who do not have enough food to eat or clean water to drink. There are children who have to work and earn money to help support their families instead of going to school. Do you think this is fair? How does this make you feel?

Jesus wants us to follow his example. He asks us to care for all our brothers and sisters around the world, no matter who they are or where they come from. And he doesn't want us to run away when things are difficult. He wants us to stand up for what we believe in and know to be right.

Jesus loves everybody the same amount, no matter where in the world they are from. How do you think we can do the same and show our love for everybody throughout the world?

How will you stand up for what you know is right and show your love for your global family this week?

Art can help
bring the
Gospel to
life for
children.



You may find the
website [Christian Art](#) enjoyable to
explore with your child. Each day they
share artwork linked to the daily
Gospel.

**Whoever believes in the Son
shall have eternal life
John 6:35-40**

**Orphans,
Painting by Thomas Benjamin
Kennington (1856-1915),
Painted in 1885,
Oil on canvas
© Tate Britain, London**



We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!

Traditional: 'I Will Be With You Wherever You Go' by Gerald Markland
Traditional: 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind' (Traditional)
Contemporary: '[In Christ Alone](#)' sung by Adrienne Liesching and Geoff Moore
Contemporary: '[I Believe It](#)' ([The Life of Jesus](#)) by Jon Reddick



You can now access the Ten:Ten Parent Portal at home with the details below.

Username: st-

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Password: thames-orange

Parent Portal: www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal

Ten:Ten
Resources



YouCat is a guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for children. It is an easy read and a user friendly guide for parents and carers to support their children.

You can find out more about YouCat at www.youcat.org

Catholic Social Teaching:

Which principle do you think the gospel teaching best relate to this week?



This week's Gospel activity sheet from [CAFOD](#):

Fourth Sunday of Easter

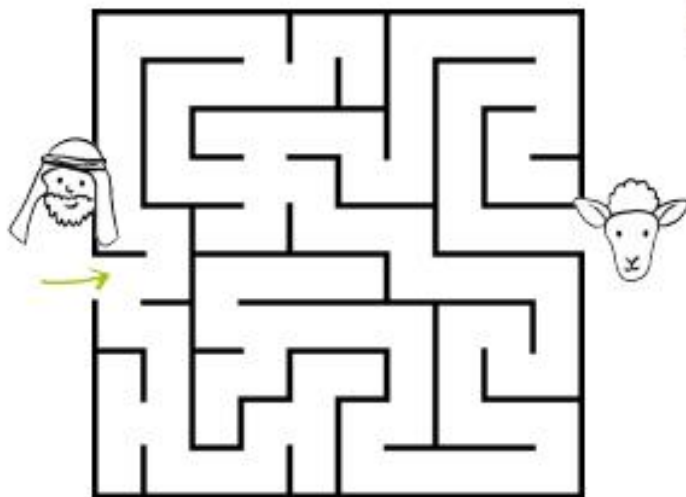
John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd"



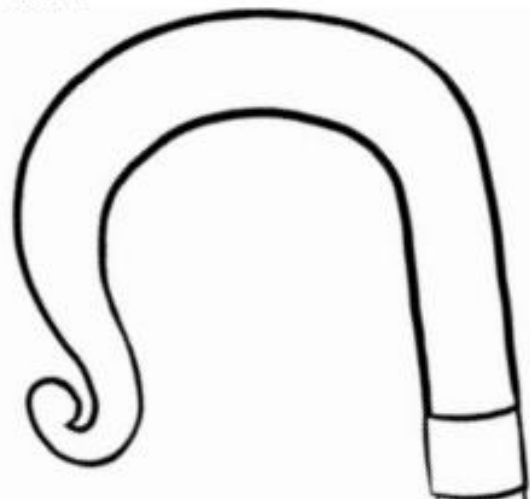
Lost sheep:

Please help the shepherd find the lost sheep.



The good shepherd:

Inside the sheep in the picture above, draw some of the ways God cares for you. Inside and around the shepherd's crook below, write or draw some of the ways you can care for others here and around the world.





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PRAYER INTENTIONS (Based on the liturgical year)	LITURGICAL COLOUR
New Members of the Church	WHITE/GOLD RED
Vocations Especially on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (4 th Sunday of Easter)	
Human Work Especially on St Joseph the Worker (1st May)	
The Right Use of Media Especially on World Communications Day (Ascension)	
The Church Especially on Pentecost Sunday	
LITURGICAL YEAR	SUNDAYS IN APRIL
- St Francis of Paolo (2 nd April) - St Isidore (4 th April) - St Vincent Ferrer (5 th April) - St Stanislaus (11 th April) - St George (23 rd April) - St Mark, Evangelist (25 th April) - St Catherine of Siena (29 th April)	Easter Sunday 4 th Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS	OTHER RELIGIONS
- International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (6 th April) - World Health Day (7 th April) - Chinese Language Day (20 th April) - World Creativity and Innovation Day (21 st April) - World Mother Earth Day (22 nd April) - Spanish Language Day (23 rd April) - World Malaria Day (25 th April) - International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day (26 th April)	- Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan – 9 th -10 th April) - Vaisakhi (Sikh Birth of Kahlisa – 14 th April)