



25 April 2021  
FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

## Jesus is our Good Shepherd

verse for the week

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep."

JOHN 10:14-15

### Caring Conversations

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Share your ideas about the word trust. What does it mean? Is it important? Who is someone you trust? Who do you listen to?

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Jesus calls himself our Good Shepherd. What does this mean? What does it mean for you?

3

How do we listen to Jesus' voice? How can we grow to know him better?

### Devotions

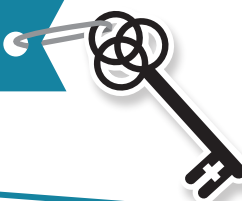


#### Daily Bible Readings

S	John 10:11-18	The Good Shepherd
M	Acts 4:5-12	Peter and John before the council
T	1 John 3:16-24	Love one another
W	Genesis 48:8-21	God has been my shepherd
T	Ezekiel 34:11-24	God will look after God's sheep
F	Mark 6:30-34	Jesus, the compassionate shepherd
S	Psalms 23	The divine shepherd
S	John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

### Rituals and Traditions



#### PRAYER

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, thank you for being with us, especially when we are going through difficult times. Amen.

#### BLESSING

May God's kindness and love be with you each day of your life, and may you live forever with the Lord.

### Creative Response

Read John 10:11-18 or read about Jesus as the Good Shepherd in a storybook Bible.

Talk about what it means to listen to Jesus' voice and to follow him as sheep of the Good Shepherd.

Play a game of "Follow the Leader."

Blindfold all the followers and have the leader guide them using only his or her voice.

Jesus says that other sheep will be added to his flock and they will listen to his voice.

Reflect on how you listen to Jesus' voice today.

Close with the Lord's Prayer.

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Jesus, our Good Shepherd, thank you for feeding us, protecting us and loving us. May we always listen to you and follow you. Amen.

### Service



Psalms 23 is one of the most familiar passages in the Bible. It speaks to people in all times and in all places. It's a great psalm to memorise and one that reminds us that God gives us all we need. How can you share with others the things God has given you?