

Sunday 3rd May 2020: The Good Shepherd

Jesus the Good Shepherd

Video link to the story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pu7L0ZwAJ0o>

The Bible has lots of references to sheep and shepherds.

A shepherd's lonely job was to find food for his sheep and to protect them from wild animals. In summer there was very little grass to eat, and often he had to travel long distances with his flock, searching for pasture. At night he would gather his sheep into a fold, and then lie across the entrance to make a 'gate'. Today we hear how Jesus calls himself 'the Good Shepherd'.

One day, Jesus said to the crowds, 'A shepherd knows his sheep, and his sheep know him. When he calls their names, they know his voice and they follow him, one by one, through the gate of the sheepfold. The shepherd walks ahead of them showing them the way. He guides and protects them from danger and harm. The flock will not follow a stranger, instead they scatter and run away because they do not know his voice'

Then Jesus said, 'I am the Good Shepherd, I know my own and my own know me. If anyone follows me, I will lead them safely on their journey to the fullness of everlasting life'

Activity

Cardboard Roll Shepherd

You need a half a kitchen roll tube or a toilet roll tube*, strip of paper half of an A4 sheet lengthways. See *The good shepherd template document*. Also, a small oblong / rectangle of material for his head scarf and something to tie round it to keep it in place.

Draw a face, arms and hands and the edge of his coat. Colour it in and add the head scarf and a small bendy straw (if you still have some) can become his staff.



* You can microwave the toilet roll tube for a few seconds(10) if you have any concerns about it's cleanliness.

The next page is a colouring sheet which you could print.

