

Ministry @Home



Jesus - The Good Shepherd

These resources are to help equip & enable worship together as "family". They are intentionally intergenerational to allow space, conversation, activity & response together as the family of God. We encourage all ages to be participative & open, being responsive to God and each other.

Gather.....

- As you gather find a place that is comfortable and have the resources ready for the activities, prayer or response times ready.
- Choose 3 members to light the 3 candles (engage all ages)

Opening words of praise with lighting of 3 candles -

I will light a light
in the name of the Maker,
who lit the world
and gave everything life.

I will light a light
in the name of the Son,
who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to
me.

I will light a light
in the name of the Spirit,
who is present everywhere in the
world
and gives me strength.

Together:
We will light three lights
for the trinity of love:
God above us,
God beside us,
God beneath us;
The beginning,
The end
and the Everlasting one.

Welcome.....

Song: Hosanna - Starfield

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIKwz_EU6Cs

(can be sung or listened to)

Reflection time: Our theme today is Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Sheep need a shepherd to protect them and keep them safe, whether in a sheep pen or in green pastures.

Reflect for a moment to yourself, then share with those who gather with you the following questions:

Where do you feel safe? What is there that scares you?

Are your feelings a bit different at this time of lockdown?

Bible passage: John 10:1 - 16

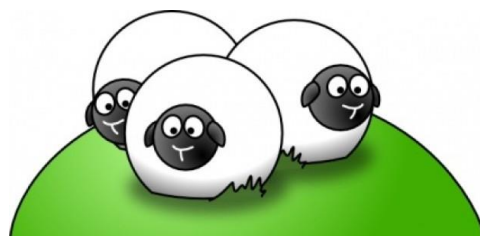
AND/OR

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o0j70b0dLOI>

How have you known Jesus as your Good Shepherd?

Was there a time you heard His voice?

Was it to keep you safe or so that you knew he was with you in difficult times?



Interactive Learning

You will each need:

A few cotton wool balls (or torn white paper)

Strips of brown card (cereal box card)

Some green paper (for pasture)

Some blue paper (for the cool water)

Instructions:

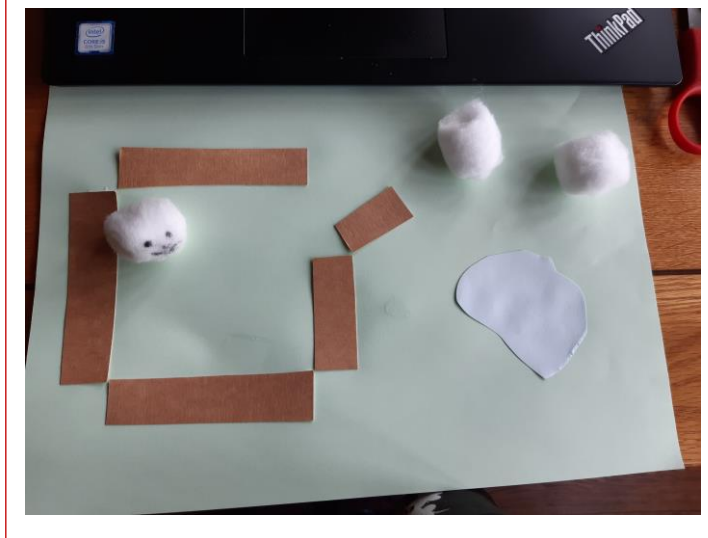
Pray together that Jesus would talk to each one gathered.

1. Start with a cotton ball sheep and draw a face on it. This is you. Place your ball in the sheep pen. Jesus knows each by name. Close your eyes and ask Jesus to say your name.

2. Talk together about the things you find difficult or scary and need Jesus to protect you from. A bit like the thieves and robbers Jesus spoke of. Some things feel overwhelming, especially now. Write them on the walls of the sheep pen and know that Jesus is stronger than any of them.

3. Talk together about those things that make life good for you, that you most enjoy, that makes life full, both now and in more 'normal' times. Write them on the blue paper. Thank Jesus for them.

4. Take another cotton ball sheep and as you give it a face think of someone you know who doesn't know Jesus' voice. Pray together for those people as you place their sheep in the pen. Talk about how to help them recognise Jesus when you can meet up again.



Jesus promised life to the full to us.

Think how that may look for you – where is Jesus voice calling you?

Is it a new direction or a calling you are already aware of?

Pray for courage to listen to His voice and follow where He leads.



Maybe make a flock of sheep to represent your close family, your wider family, your church family and friends.

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: You Say – Lauren Daigle

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZvKJl1kk8g>

Listen to this song and as you read and listen to the lyrics take time to hear the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd and what he wants to say to you.

Encourage members to read silently or aloud the prayers below. Other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

We thank you Lord for loving us

We give you thanks, O Lord

We thank you for giving us strength when we doubt ourselves

We give you thanks, O Lord

We thank you that we are yours and that as you call our names we can follow where you lead us

We give you thanks, O Lord

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**



Celebration....

If any of your members celebrate a birthday within the next week – sing

Happy birthday to you

To Jesus be true

May God's richest blessings

Be showered on you.



Closing.....

The Grace (with "Messy" actions)

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all,
now and evermore. Amen.**

Closing Responses.....

Song: Bigger than Big

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CID1-TuAuxQ>

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

From where we are
to where you need us.

Jesus, now lead on!

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you reveal.

Jesus, now lead on!

To make this world
look more like your kingdom,

Jesus, now lead on!

Ask different members to blow out the candles.....until you meet again

Extra Ideas

- Retell this story using a more modern imagery.
- Think of something new to try while at home.
- Do something you enjoy today (just safely).