

Children's Church at home 3 May 2020

Acts 2:42-end and John 10:1-10

'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full'. Belonging to Jesus.

Craft ingredients: Paper, Pritt Stick, Sellotape, pens, scissors, cotton wool, pipe cleaners (or maybe a little twig or a lolly stick or just some card, if you haven't got pipe cleaners!)

Ask the children if they remember last Sunday's story: it was about Jesus' friends who met him on the road to Emmaus and didn't recognise him until they sat down to supper with him.

Introduction: do you, or someone you know, have a dog? And how do you try to get the dog to come to you? Does the dog usually come when you call it? Why might you want the dog to come to you? ... So you want the dog to come to you because you care about it? Do you think the dog knows you care about it? Do you think sheep might be the same?

Story: Read about how Jesus explained why he had come. John 10:1-10. It's not in the Lion First Bible; the Message version is very readable!

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+10%3A1-10&version=MSG>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oemNkZo750o#action=share>

Quiz: how does the thief get into the sheep pen? How does the shepherd get in? who looks after the sheep properly? Do the sheep follow the shepherd? Why? Why does Jesus say he's like the shepherd? And why is he the gatekeeper?

Think: how can we be good sheep?

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Activity: if there are enough people in your household, you could play 'baa, sheepy, baa' (like squeak, piggy, squeak!) if not, take it in turns to think of an animal, a water creature or a bird. For older children, think an animal beginning with an A, a water creature beginning with A or a bird beginning with A. when you run out move on to another letter.

Craft: see video. Here is a shepherd in case you prefer to colour and him cut out.



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Prayer: Hey Jesus, you're such a great guide! Thank you for caring about each of us (you know us all by name, don't you?) and thank you for always thinking about what would be good for us and what we need to keep us safe. Please bless our families and friends, near and far. Amen.