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Lesson #8: PARABLE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (John 10:1-30)



The Bible says that Jesus told a parable about The Good Shepherd. A good shepherd loves his sheep and always takes care of them.



Jesus said, "If a person climbs over the wall to get into a sheep pen, he is not the shepherd. He is a thief."



A shepherd enters the pen through the gate. When the sheep hear the shepherd's voice, they recognize him and follow him. A shepherd calls each of his sheep by their names and he leads them.

The people did not understand Jesus' story. Jesus was saying that God's people are like sheep. The shepherd takes care of the sheep. But some people who are like the thief try to get them away from the shepherd.



Sheep *need* their shepherd to take care of them. The shepherd puts them into the pen at night, so they are safe from animals that want to hurt them. He may sleep in the door of the pen. Jesus said, "I am the gate for sheep. They come in through me and are saved." Jesus is the gate that leads to true life.



Jesus is The Good Shepherd! He is like the shepherd who leads the sheep to green pastures to eat.

A shepherd risks his own life to protect his sheep from wolves. Jesus was willing to give his life for his sheep. Jesus is The Good Shepherd!



Jesus came to do his Father's plan. He was going to die and rise again. But some of the people listening to Jesus' parable didn't believe him. Some of the Jewish leaders said, "Don't listen to Jesus. He is not from God." But some said, "Jesus must be from God. How could he do miracles like healing the blind?"



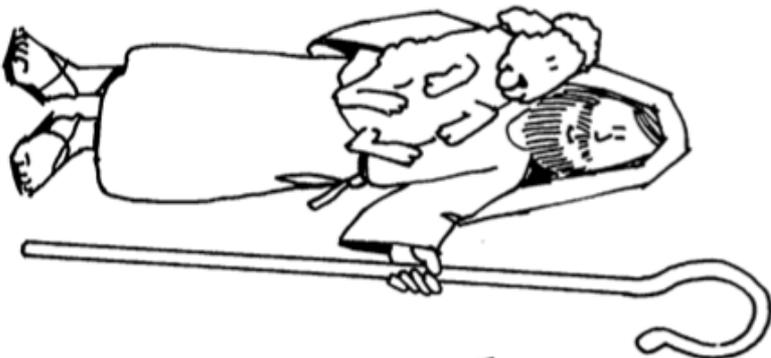
They asked Jesus, "Are really the Messiah, God's chosen one?" Jesus said, "Yes! You should believe me - my miracles prove who I am." But if you don't believe me, you are not my sheep.

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life. They will live forever! No one will take them away from me."

Later, Jesus gave his life for his sheep. He will give us everything we need! He will even give us eternal life! We are Jesus' sheep when we trust and follow him. Jesus is The Good Shepherd!



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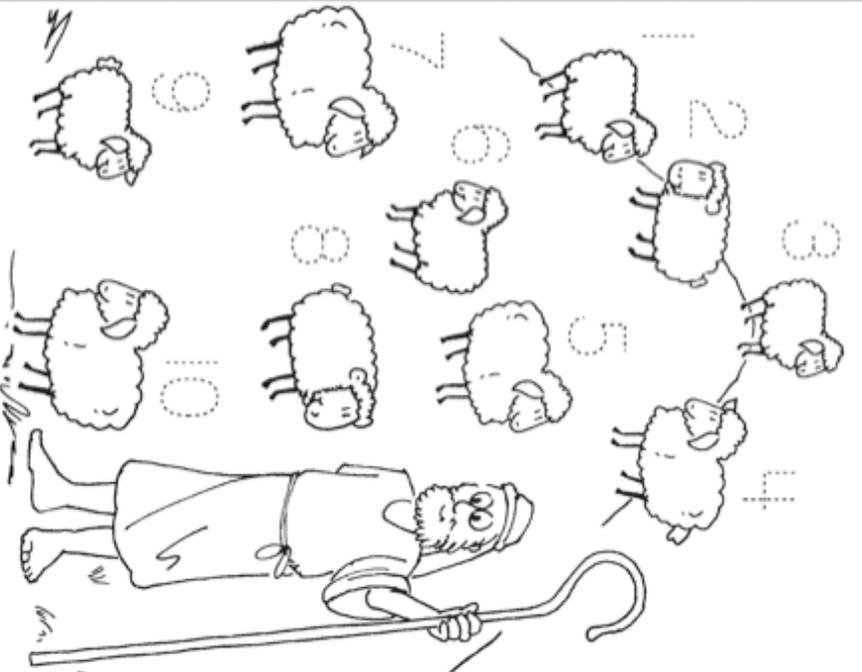
Who am I?

Trace the letters.

shepherd

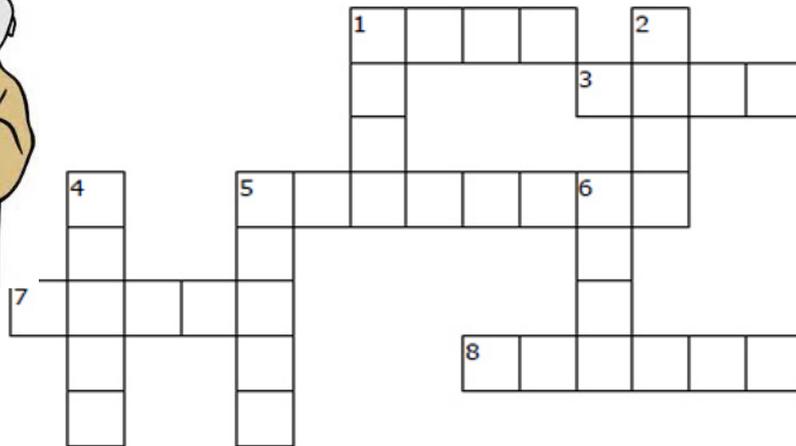
The sheep listen to their shepherd.

Help the shepherd count his sheep.



UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY GOOD SHEPHERD CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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ACROSS

- 1. The period from birth to death
- 3. A wild animal that look like a dog and hunts in a pack
- 5. One who takes care of the sheep
- 7. What we use to speak
- 8. To hear or pay attention to something

DOWN

- 1. A strong feeling of affection
- 2. The opposite of bad
- 4. A group of sheep herded together
- 5. Wooly animals which are similar to goats
- 6. Goes faster than walking

WORD BANK:

SHEPHERD	GOOD	LIFE	SHEEP	WOLF
FLOCK	RUNS	VOICE	LISTEN	LOVE

THINK ABOUT THIS...

What do you think is the best thing about following Jesus as your Good Shepherd?

