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# Good Shepherd Sunday

Acts 2 42-47 John 10 1-10

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **John 10 2-3** (New International Version)

The fourth Sunday of Easter is called Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus is often referred to as the Good Shepherd. A shepherd is someone who looks after sheep. In his teaching, Jesus spoke about shepherds and sheep. The shepherd would have to lead the sheep to find food and water. They had to protect the sheep from wild animals, such as wolves, that might attack them. The sheep would recognise the voice of the shepherd and would trust them. In today's gospel reading Jesus says that the shepherd calls the sheep by name and that the sheep follow the shepherd because they trust them.

If Jesus is the Good Shepherd then his followers are the sheep who he calls by their name.

## Today's Activities:

- 1) Complete the picture
- 2) Join the dots

## The Activity

Draw a flock of sheep with the shepherd. Write your name and the names of your family and friends on the sheep.

