

## Sunday Club – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

The following is one way of delivering this session with children. This week we explore 'good shepherd' as a model of community.

### Opening activity: Who cares?

You will need: four sheets of paper, pens/pencils.

- Put sheets of paper titled 'School', 'Home', 'After School Clubs' and 'Church' around the room, with a selection of pens and pencils next to them.
- Invite your child(ren) to move round the room, stopping at each sheet to add an image or sentence explaining how people care for them in that environment, or how they care for others.

### Opening prayer:

Thank you, Jesus, that we are your sheep.  
that you care for us – awake or asleep,  
that you know us as we grow day by day,  
and for watching over us in work, rest and play.  
Amen.

### Open the Bible at John 10.11-18

Explain that the reading talks a lot about sheep, the shepherd, and also mentions a wolf.

Ask that each time they hear one of these words, they are going to make a noise and do an action:

Sheep – baa and crawl around on all fours.

Shepherd – stand up and look around, pretending to count the sheep – 1,2,3,4...

Wolf – make ears with your hands on your head and howl!

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+10.11-18&version=ICB>

### Stop and share

Talk about shepherds. What do they do? What is their job? Talk about how everyone in Jesus' day would have been very familiar with shepherds – a common job.

Spend a few minutes exploring why there are differences in the way the shepherd and the person paid to look after the sheep react to the wolf.

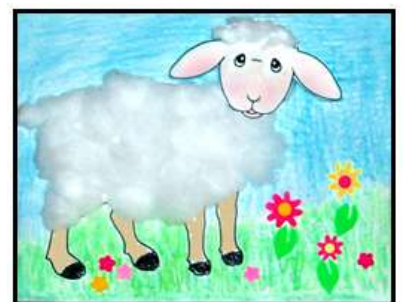
### Talk Together:

- List all the communities you are part of: Family, local area, school, church, sports clubs, etc. What happens if someone needs to be cared for in these communities?
- Do you ever think about Jesus caring for you in your everyday life? Tell each other your thoughts.
- What different ways could you show care in the communities you listed above?

### Craft Activity – Good Shepherd Craft/Card

You will need: paper/white card for each child, pens/pencils, glue, cotton wool balls. The template is a separate attachment.

The craft can be made in two ways. You can print out the pattern of the whole sheep, colour and stick on the cotton wool balls, although this tends to cover up the parts of the head. Alternatively, print out the body and head parts separately and when the children have finished gluing the cotton balls on, they glue the head pattern on top as shown in the picture.



You could make this into a caring card for someone you care about either in your church, on your street, or perhaps in your family. Deliver it to them this week.

Praise Song:

The Lord's My Shepherd - Stuart Townend

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MGO>

Sing/hum and sway along!

Closing Prayer:

*Response after each bidding:*

**Help us to follow the 'good shepherd'.**

Lord, when we feel lost and confused...

When we are tired by caring for others...

When we're tempted by the wolves...

When we're enjoying good pasture and rest...

Send us out to be faithful sheep and...

**Amen.**

Other ideas for family worship:

An alternative is provided by Hull minster (John 10.11-18)

<https://hullminster.org/family-resources>

Kid's Church (taking a break) You could look at a previous episode you may have missed.

This is great fun and very interactive.

Beforehand, you can read the details which shows you the resources that will be required.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqok2LkCLGZpavyftfcRrqA>

Please note that the Rochester Diocese's Ministry at Home has now ceased.