



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 25th April 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter



The Good Shepherd



John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep. When the hired man, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; so the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. The hired man runs away because he is only a hired man and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them.

There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

"The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order that I may receive it back again. No one takes my life away from me. I give it up of my own free will. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it back. This is what my Father has commanded me to do."

Today we are going to hear Jesus tell a story. He calls himself the good shepherd, who cares for his sheep. Jesus wants us to follow his example. He asks us to care for all our brothers and sisters around the world, no matter who they are or where they come from. And he doesn't want us to run away when things are difficult. He wants us to stand up for what we believe and know to be right.

Activity

1. Who do you think that the sheep are that Jesus talks about in this story?
2. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus loves and cares for you that much?
3. Have you ever felt like running away and hiding instead of standing up for someone?

Fill in the maze below, help the shepherd find his sheep!



Prayer

Dear God,

You know us and care for us.
Help us to remember that all
people are loved by you
no matter who they are,

and to care
for others
in the
world as
you do.

Amen.



Help the shepherd find his lost sheep.

