

Jesus and His Flock

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Peter 5:1-7 and John 10:27–30

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who are Jesus' sheep? (His followers)
- What do Jesus' sheep do? (They listen to Him.)
- What is the biggest thing that Jesus does for His sheep? (He gives them eternal life.)
- Name some ways we can hear from God. (ex. through our pastor at church, reading His Word, in the silence when we are still, while we sing worship songs, from our adults that know about Him)
- What is the most important thing we should be listening for? (the voice of Jesus)
- Who helps shepherd the church? (the pastor and elders)
- What does the scripture tell young people to do? (follow the directions of the elders)
- What did today's story teach you about Jesus and who He is?

BIBLE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

*Recall the Bible Story

Things you need: 2 Shepherd coloring page and crayons

As your child colors, ask them the discussion questions. Help them answer any questions and see if they have any additional questions.

*The Good Shepherd

Things you need: Faith and Believe coloring page and crayons

Help your child figure out the puzzle by unscrambling the letters. John 10:14 says "I am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." When a shepherd is guarding his sheep, he will put himself in danger and sometimes even give his own life to protect his sheep from wolves. The sheep are helpless and count on the shepherd to watch out for them. Talk to your child about our good Shepherd, Jesus. Ask them if they think our Shepherd laid down His life for them. When Jesus died on the cross for us, it was to save us from something far worse than wolves. He died so that we can have life forever with God in Heaven. He loves us so much and wants to protect us from everything that could hurt us.

*The Shepherd Maze

Things you need: Maze printout and crayons

The sheep don't have to see the shepherd to know his voice and follow him. That works the same way for Jesus and us. We don't have to see Jesus to hear Him. We also don't have to see Jesus in order to follow Him. Just like the sheep trust their shepherd, we can have faith and trust in Jesus. Talk about the ways you can hear from God. Share with your child a personal story of a time when you knew exactly what God was telling you. Talk about faith and what it means to trust in God.

*Activity sheets

Print the activity sheets. Have some fun reinforcing what the Bible taught us today.

*Pray

Things you need: Nothing

Take time together as a family to thank the Lord for the gift of His church. Thank Him for our pastors and the leaders in our church, that are obeying God and shepherding His flock. Pray that your children will have faith in the good Shepherd... that they will listen for His voice when there are so many other sounds in this world that are trying to clog their ears. Pray that they will follow Him even though we can't see Him (right now) the way we'd like to. We can see Him in all the beauty of creation. Thank the Lord for who He is and for how much He loves us.





The Good Shepherd Jumble



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"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
John 10:11 (NIV)

CLUES

The opposite of death is _____.

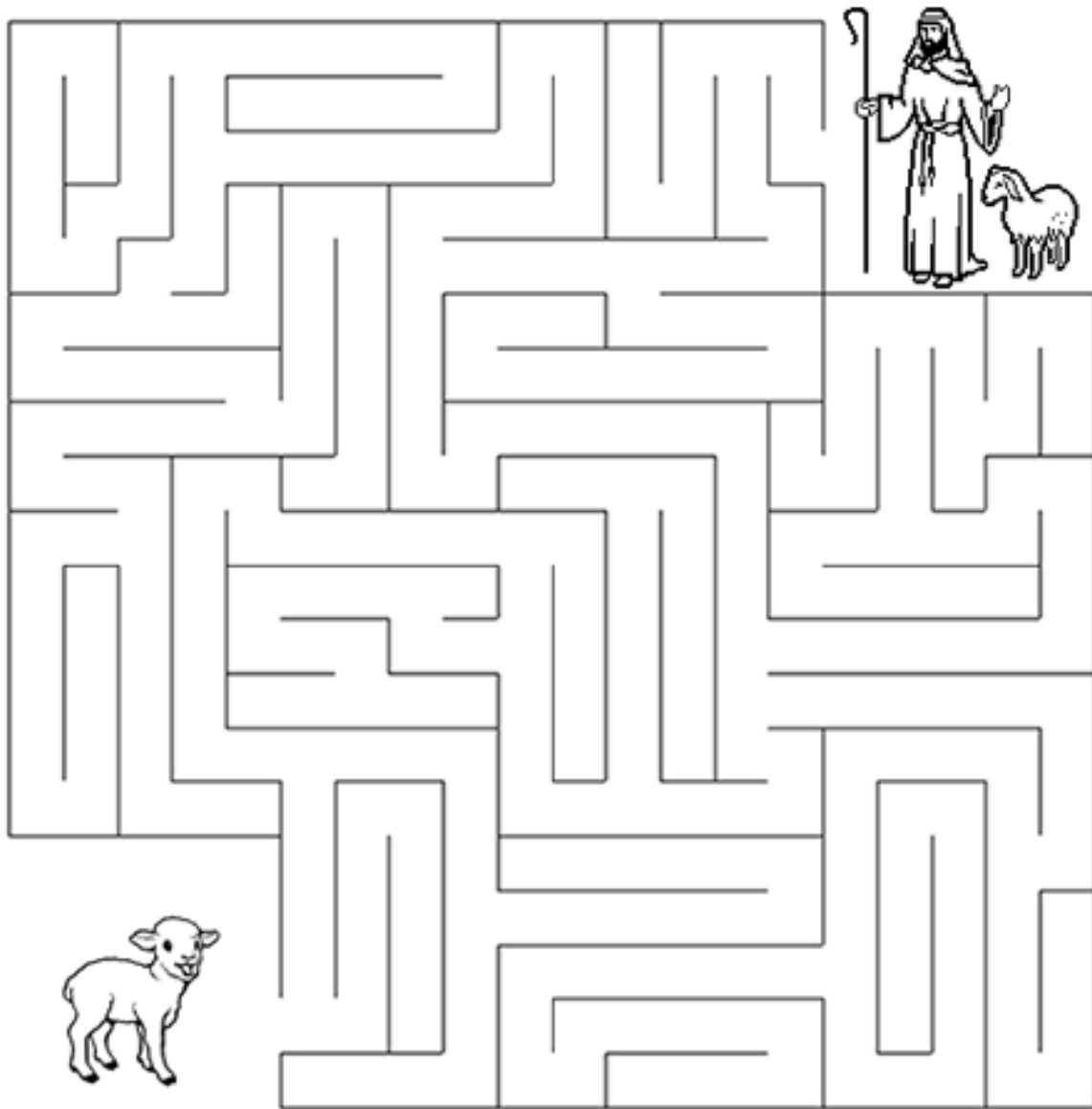
Not a goat, but a _____.

A male parent is a _____.

The opposite of bad is _____.

A person who takes care of sheep is a _____.

The Shepherd Maze

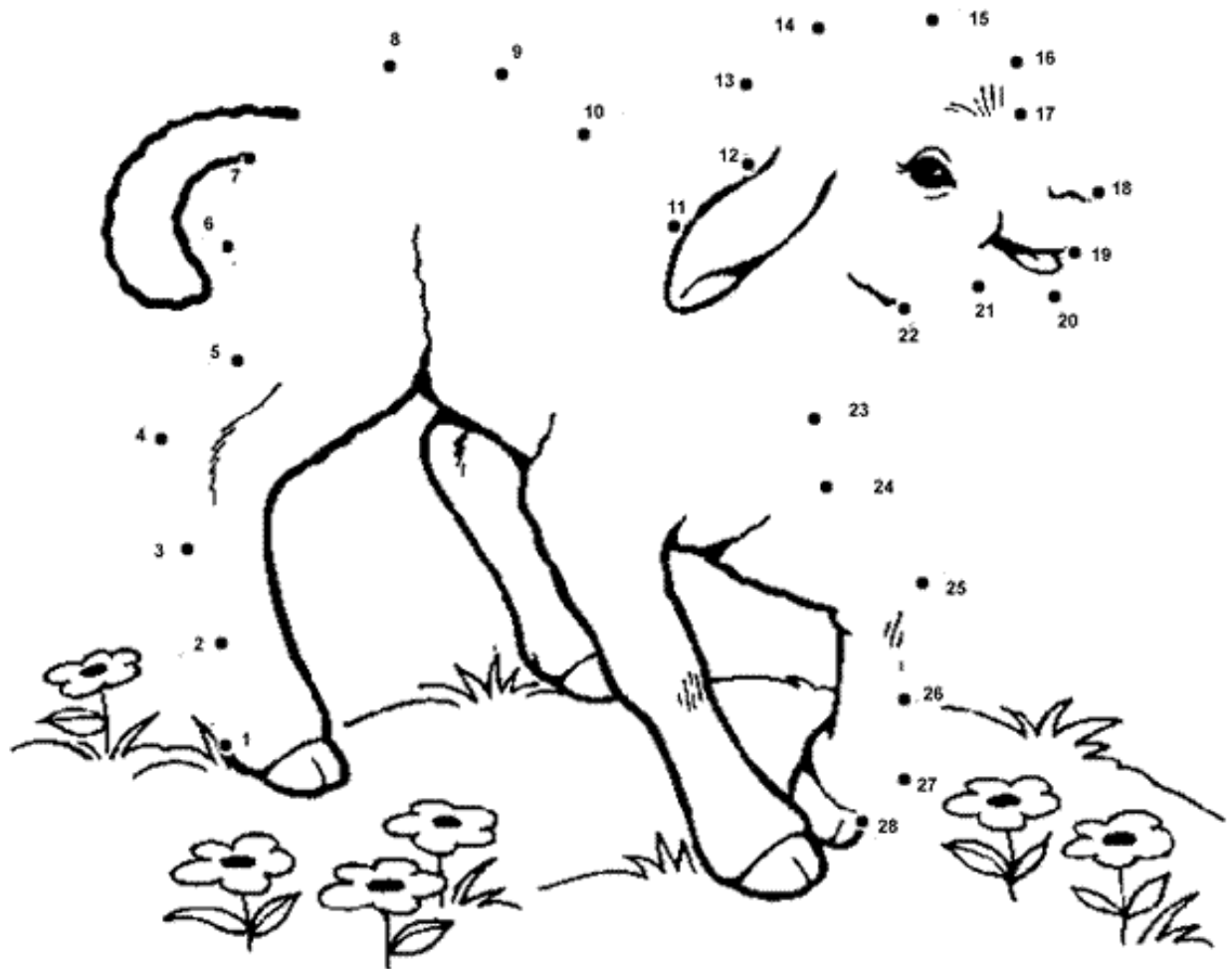


When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

John 10:4 (NIV)

The Shepherd and His Sheep

Connect the dots to complete the picture.



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
John 10:27

The Sheep and the Shepherd

Crossword

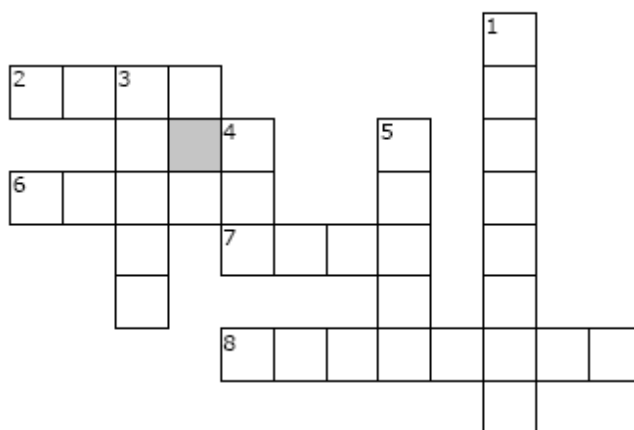
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His sheep follow him because they know his voice.
John 10:4b (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 10:1-10 (NIV)



John 10:1-10



ACROSS

2. An opening in a fence for entrance or exit
6. The sound made when people speak or sing
7. The word or words by which a person or thing is known
8. A person who takes care of sheep

DOWN

1. Someone not known or not familiar
3. Someone who steals
4. A small area surrounded by a fence in which animals are kept
5. A farm animal with thick curly wool

SHEPHERD	THIEF	NAME	VOICE
SHEEP	GATE	STRANGER	PEN