



# Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie  
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to Mass today.



**The Good Shepherd**

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter. Year B.**

Do you have a pet at home? What sort of pet do you have? There are many animals that make good pets, the most popular being cats and dogs, but you may have a bird, or fish, or a hamster or a guinea pig. Or maybe you have something else!

Whatever pet you decide to get, it is a big responsibility. You must be willing to take care of it, feed it and make sure it has plenty of water. Many pets need exercise, so you must let it have a chance to get out and run around. You must keep it clean and take it to the vets when it gets poorly. All in all, you have to make sure your pet is kept safe, and if it wanders off, you must go and look for it and bring it back home.

As I think about having a pet and taking care of it, I am reminded about something that Jesus said about himself. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd." A shepherd is a person who takes care of sheep. Sheep can't take care of themselves; they need someone to watch over them and care for them, and they need someone to protect them from harm. Jesus said he knows his sheep and his sheep know him. He said that he was even willing to lay down his life for his sheep. Jesus must really love his sheep!

As you might have guessed, Jesus wasn't really talking about sheep. He was talking about you and me. We are his "sheep". He loves us, he takes care of us, he makes sure that we have everything that we need. He was even willing to give his life so that you and I could live with him forever in heaven. There is no doubt about it: Jesus really loves his sheep!

# Word Search

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep".

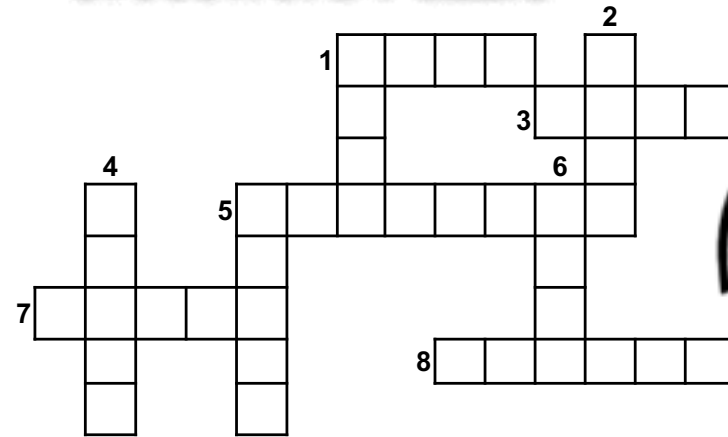
This word search is based on John 10:11-18



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LISTEN	SHEEP	LOVES
WOLF	FLOCK	ATTACKS
CARES	PEN	GOOD
RUNS	SCATTERS	VOICE
SHEPHERD	LIFE	KNOW

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

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

## DOWN

- A strong feeling of affection
- The opposite of bad
- A group of sheep herded together
- Woolly animals which are similar to goats
- Goes faster than 'walks'

Life	Good	Shepherd	Sheep	Wolf
Flock	Runs	Voice	Listen	Love

# Children's Prayer

Dear Jesus. We are thankful to you for being our Good Shepherd. Thank you for loving us and taking care of us. Most of all, we thank you for laying down your life for us so that we can have everlasting life in heaven with you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

