

St. James Episcopal Church
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!
April 17, 2016—THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
JESUS THE SHEPHERD



Jesus described himself as a shepherd. He wasn't REALLY a shepherd, but he said that he was LIKE one. How does this picture show us what Jesus is like? I see how Jesus is so carefully holding the lamb. I see how his eyes are looking right down to the lamb, and his face is so kind and compassionate, and the lamb is looking right back up at him, knowing that he is safe and secure. What do you see?

BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME: THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS

THE VOICES THAT LOVE US

The sheep in today's gospel know Jesus' voice. We are all called to know Jesus' voice and to listen to it. What other voices do you know and love—voices that show you love, that show you the best way to live your life? There are many voices to lead and guide us along our way.

Make a family project of recording the voices and stories of grandparents and other elderly family members now, it will assure their legacy for future generations. Involve the kids in interviewing their relatives on tape or video. Talk about how these voices have guided each of you.



True or False:

- _____ Jesus said he was like a carpenter.
- _____ Jesus said "My sheep hear my voice."
- _____ A good shepherd cares for the sheep.
- _____ A good shepherd doesn't care if the sheep get hurt.

Fill in the Blanks:

Jesus said: My sheep hear my _____. I know them, and they _____ me. I give them _____ life, and they will never _____. No one will _____ them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is _____ than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are _____." *John 10:27-30*

Choose from these words: *greater, one, follow, snatch, perish, voice, eternal.*

Dinner Table Conversation:

The people who first heard the words of Jesus saw shepherds all of the time, they knew exactly what a shepherd did. Do you know what a shepherd does? They care for the sheep, find food and water for them, keep them from danger, keep them from wandering off and go to look for them if they do.

Jesus describes himself as a shepherd. Why do you think that is?

Who are the people that care for you? How do they do that?

How do you care for other people?

How does Jesus care for you?