

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B) Sunday 25 April 2021

FAMILY RESOURCES

SHEPHERD

THE GOSPEL READING FOR THIS WEEK IS John 10: 11-18

This week's theme

This week's theme is 'Shepherd' and we are reminded that as shepherds watch and look after their sheep, Jesus will watch and look after us.

Core extract from the Gospel (John 10.14-16; for reflection throughout the week)

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.
And I lay down my life for the sheep.
I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.
I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.
So there will be one flock, one shepherd.'

Gospel prayer (for use throughout the week)

Risen Lord,
you are the good shepherd
and we are your sheep.
Call your sheep from across the world,
that they may all be united in you,
as one flock with one shepherd;
for time and for eternity.
Amen.



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Things to think about

- Have you ever seen a shepherd working in the fields?
- Do they have help to gather the sheep?
- Do you think it would be easy to look after sheep?
- Is it something you would like to do?

Things to do

- If you enjoyed the fish pie from a previous week, why not have a go at making **shepherd's pie**? Don't worry; you won't need any real shepherds!
- Have a competition to herd some **balloon sheep** into their pens. Draw sheep faces on white balloons and use walking sticks or garden canes to hit them gently into cardboard box pens.
- **Pompom sheep and cardboard shepherd craft.**

You will need: cardboard, white wool, scissors, black card, small pompoms, googly eyes, cardboard tube, fabric, pipe-cleaner and glue.



Cut 2 circles out of the cardboard and then cut a smaller circle in the centre and a wedge shaped notch.



Place one end of the wool in between the two cardboard circles before you start winding the wool.



Wind the wool around the cardboard circles.



When you have wound enough wool, cut the wool putting your scissors between the cardboard circles. Remember, the more wool you use, the fluffier your pompom will be!



Use the wool that was between the cardboard circles and tie it around the cut wool. You may want to trim the pompom slightly to make it look neater.

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Carefully remove the cardboard circles.

Cut a sheep face out of black cardboard and stick on googly eyes.



Add small pompoms for feet and stick the face on the white pompom.



Use the cardboard tube to make a shepherd to look after your flock of sheep.

Different ways to use your sheep

Why not make a flock of sheep and hide them around your house or garden for your family to find?

You could make sheep out of different coloured wool or make them different sizes.

Why not share your creations with us? We would love to see what you have been up to! Please email any photos to education@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk or tag @LivCathedral on social media.