

The Good Shepherd



John 10: 1-15

WATCH THE VIDEOS



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKXjYfTyriU>

<https://youtu.be/0v3-Om1gnkE>

Marshmallow Sheep Craft



You will need:

- * 1 bag of large marshmallows
- * 1 bag of miniature marshmallows
- * 1 box of pretzel sticks

Method:

1. You can do this on your own but it's much more fun if your family join in.
2. Create as many sheep as you can in 10 minutes using only the items above. You can tear apart the marshmallows and break the pretzel sticks if you want to.
3. At the end of 10 minutes decide with your family, which sheep are the funniest and which sheep are the most realistic.
4. At the end of today's bible session, eat your sheep.

While working on their projects, explain to you children that today's lesson is about The Good Shepherd, and how a shepherd takes care of sheep. Ask your children if they have ever seen a real sheep. What was it like?



Suggested Parent/Child Activity about trust and protection to illustrate what a shepherd will do for his sheep



This is a game of role-play with your child:

- * You can be the shepherd and your child can be a sheep.
- * If you have other children, let them play as sheep also.
- * Blindfold your child, or if you can trust that your child will not cheat, let him or her keep both eyes closed.
- * As the shepherd, you must keep your child away from harm as you instruct him or her how to walk around the living room, house or around an outdoors obstacle course.
- * Then, switch roles and let your child become the shepherd and lead you around.
- * After the game, talk about how important it is for your child to trust in God the same way he or she trusted you when you played the role of shepherd. The point of this activity is to show that we can come to harmful places in our lives, but God will be there to guide us and help us out of them when we trust in Him.



<https://www.kidssundayschool.com/preschool/lessons/new-testament/how-jesus-loves-us/jesus-is-our-good-shepherd>

Today our Bible story is from the book of John. Jesus is talking about Heaven with the Pharisees and how He is the only way to get to Heaven. Jesus decided to use an example to help them understand. He compared Himself to a good shepherd and all of us to sheep. However, the Pharisees probably still didn't understand.



Let's read the story, and find out what Jesus is saying to us. John 10: 1-15

The Shepherd and His Sheep

1 Jesus said, "I tell you the truth. The man who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The man who guards the door opens it for him. And the sheep listen to the voice of the shepherd. He calls his own sheep, using their names, and he leads them out. 4 He brings all of his sheep out. Then he goes ahead of them and leads them. They follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger. They will run away from him because they don't know his voice." 6 Jesus told the people this story, but they did not understand what it meant.

Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

7 So Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth. I am the door for the sheep.

8 All the people who came before me were thieves and robbers. The sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. The person who enters through me will be saved. He will be able to come in and go out and find pasture. 10 A thief comes to steal and kill and destroy. But I came to give life — life in all its fullness.

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. 12 The worker who is paid to keep the sheep is different from the shepherd who owns them. So when the worker sees a wolf coming, he runs away and leaves the sheep alone. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. 13 The man runs away because he is only a paid worker. He does not really care for the sheep.

14 "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and my sheep know me, 15 just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. I give my life for the sheep.

There are lots of images in this bible passage. Using the grid on the next page, why not use these images to create your own picture story. Here are some suggested images but draw what you like:



JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD—PICTURE STORY

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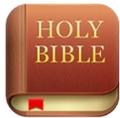
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What do you know about sheep?



What do they like to eat?

What is their wool used for?



The Bible uses ways to compare us to sheep:

- * Sheep are not very smart.
- * They tend to follow the flock and just do what they see other sheep doing.
- * They also like to wander away and are easy targets for predators, without a watchful shepherd to guide and guard them.

Sound familiar? Well, the focus of today's lesson is on how Jesus shares that He is THE good shepherd. He loves us, wants to protect us and wants us to know that we should love one another. What does this mean...?

It is one thing to say "I love you" or offer random compliments like ...that is not genuine love, and most people can figure that out. True love is not words, but actions...

How are people showing that they love and care for people they can't be with during lockdown?

In ancient times, the shepherds were willing to fight off wolves and lions, make sure their sheep could find enough food, and keep their sheep safe whatever the weather or place they were in. They did all they could to protect their sheep.

We are like the roaming sheep, but if we listen to the Good Shepherd, He will lead us to good pasture. Jesus knows us, and loves us so much that He gave Himself up for us. He will go out and find the lost lambs, so that we can all be together. Safe, fed and surrounded by His love.

Key Verse:



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





Sheep and Jesus the Good Shepherd Stones

You will need:

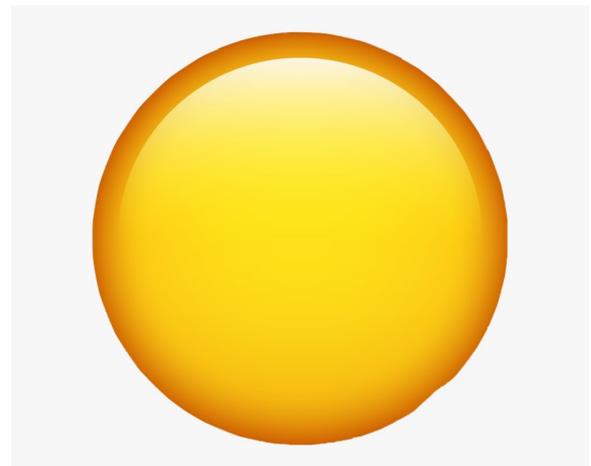
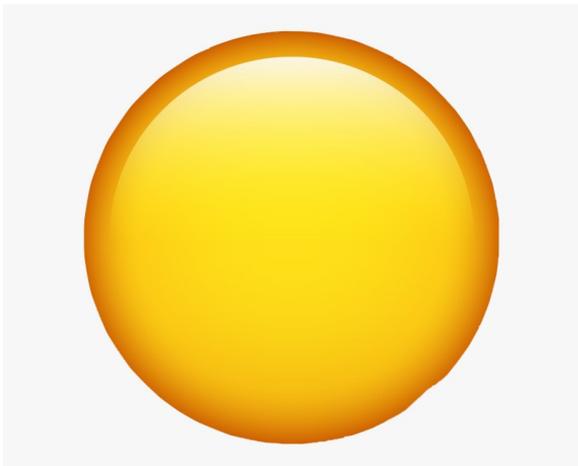
- * Paint
- * Paint brush
- * Felt pens
- * Stones
- * Varnish or Mod Podge or PVA solution
- * Glue brush



Method:

1. Paint your background colour onto stones and allow to dry. Make them as colourful as possible.
2. When dry, paint your sheep and/or Jesus as the Good Shepherd on your stone.
3. If painting sheep, allow the white to dry. Then using either black paint or black felt pens, draw the sheep's face and legs and allow to dry.
4. You could even write on your stone :
 - * "Jesus the Good Shepherd"
 - * "Jesus is my Good Shepherd"
5. When dry either cover with clear varnish, Mod Podge or PVA solution (two thirds PVA glue and one third water). The PVA solution will go on white but dry clear. Allow to dry.
6. You can put your painted stones in your garden or leave them in places on your daily walk for others to see.

Design your own sheep and Jesus the Good Shepherd emojis





<http://www.religiousdoodles.com/good-shepherd-coloring-pages.html>



20 questions. What am I?

See if you can work out what is being described from the 20 questions below. You can look up the bible references for clues.

Helpful hint — I'm not a sheep

1. God made me (Gen 9:13)
2. Ezekiel saw something like me (Eze 1:28)
3. So did John (Rev 4:3, 10:1)
4. I'm in the first (Gen 9:13) and last (Rev 4:3) books of the bible.
5. God placed me in the sky (Gen 9:13)
6. I'm associated with a covenant (Gen 9:13-15)
7. I encircle the throne. (Rev 4:3)
8. I'm over the heads of angels. (Rev 10:1)
9. I'm a sign (Gen 9:12)
10. I am between heaven and earth (Gen 9:13)
11. I remind God of something (Gen 9:16)

11. Only 8 people could have seen me first (Gen 9:17)
12. I'm for all creatures (Gen 9:12)
13. I am for all generations. (Gen 9:12)
15. I'm in the clouds (Gen 9:13)
16. Never again ... (Gen 9:15)
17. I'm made of water and sunlight
18. Do you know Roy. G. Biv?
19. I'm very colourful
20. I often appear after storms

Extra clue — you will see lots of me in house windows on your daily walk.

If you haven't guessed what I am, you will find the answer on the last page.



Cotton Bud Lamb Name Holder

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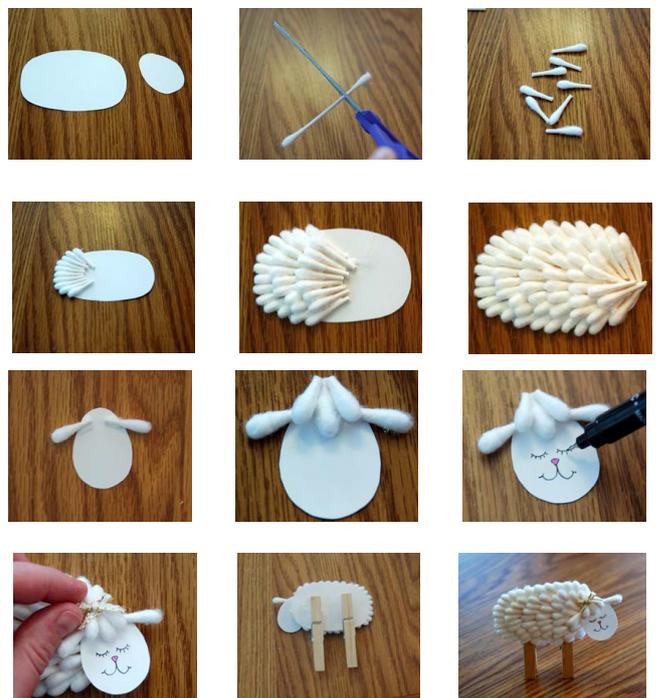
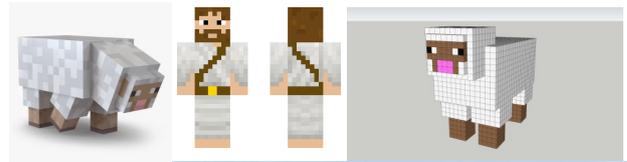
- white card
- cotton buds
- scissors
- glue
- two wooden clothes pegs
- markers to add the face
- small ribbon to make a bow for the head

Method (See photos bottom right):

1. Begin by [clicking here to open up a PDF file](#) (Press Ctrl on keyboard and click on the link) of the patterns for the body and head (a new window will open, Adobe Reader required). Print this out on white card stock, and then cut out the patterns.
2. Next, cut off the heads of cotton buds. If a child is making this craft, be sure an adult does this part. Make each cotton bud end about 1/2 inch long.
3. Begin gluing the cotton bud tips to the card stock body of the sheep, beginning at the back of the body. Then, layer more cotton buds across the body. Use the photos to guide you.
4. Next, glue two cotton bud tips to the side of the head to be the ears, as shown.
5. To make the lamb's "hair", cut three cotton bud tips off right at the head of the swab; they will be about 1/4 long. Layer and glue these to the top of the head as shown.
6. Use some markers to add on some cute facial features for the lamb.
7. Tie the ribbon in a small bow, and glue it to the top of the lamb's head.
8. Glue two wooden clothes pegs to the back of the lamb's body. Check for balance and levelness when the glue is tacky, by standing the lamb up. Readjust the legs as necessary. Then allow them to dry completely.

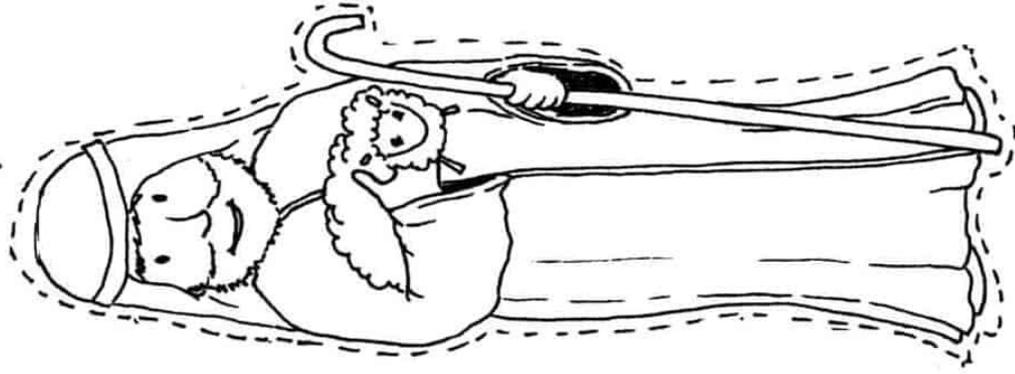


Create your own sheep and shepherd scene by using Minecraft or Lego



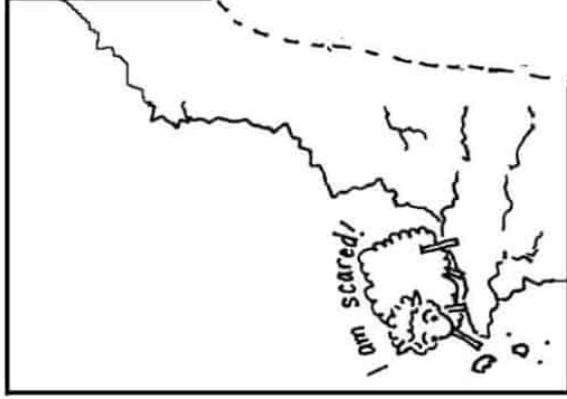
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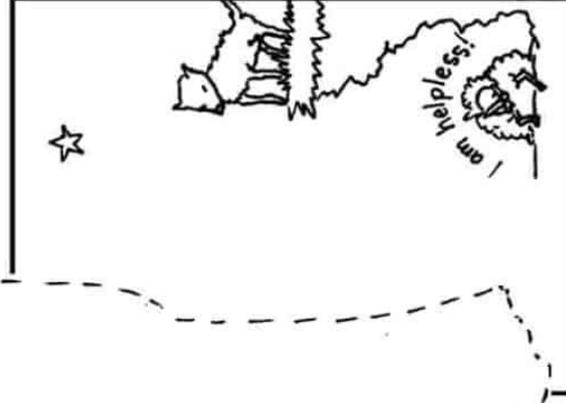
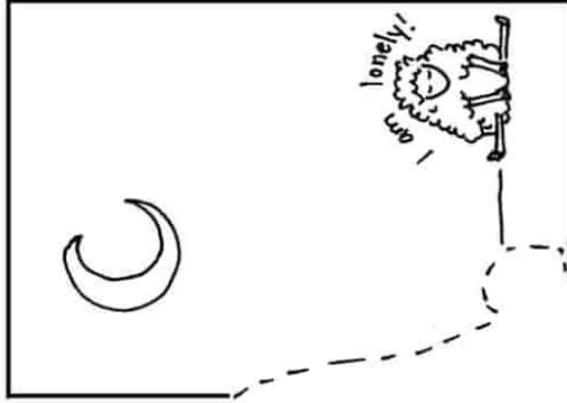


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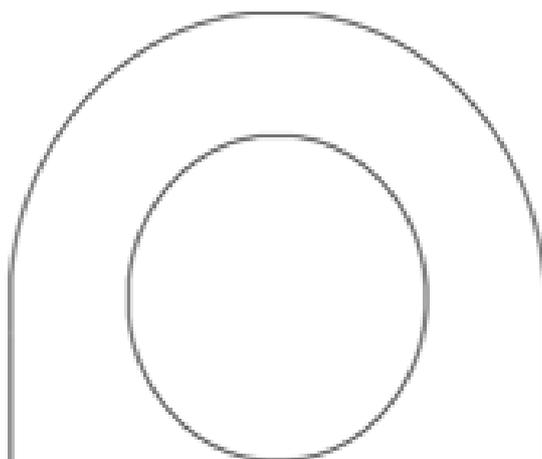


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Jesus the Good Shepherd Door Hanger

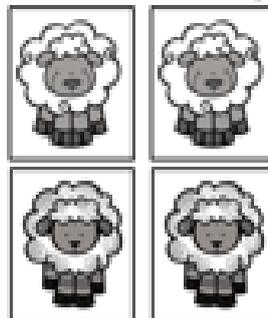


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cut & glue
the sheep



Color and
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The Shepherd and His Sheep

His sheep follow him because they know his voice.

John 10:4b (NIV)

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



John 10:1-10

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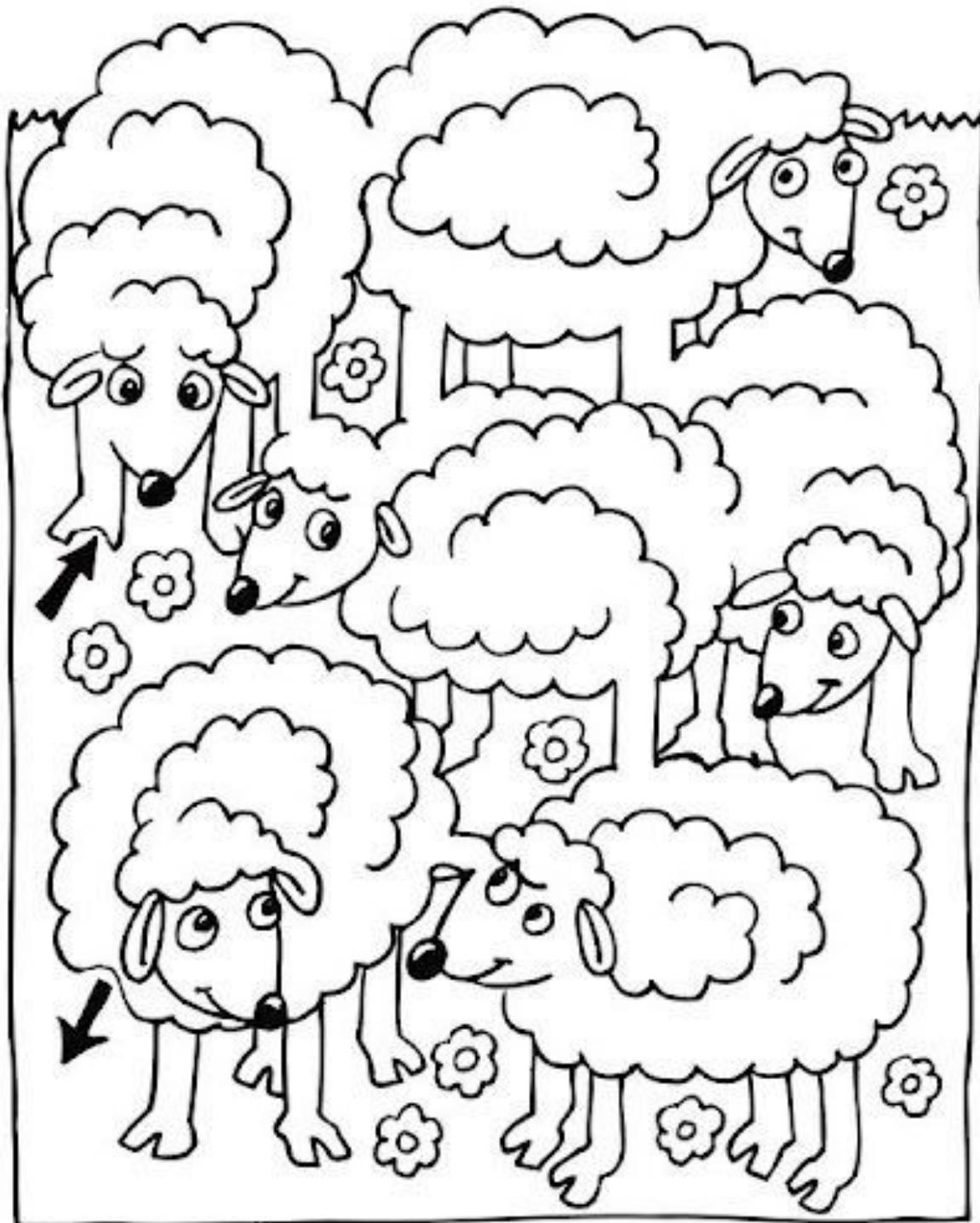
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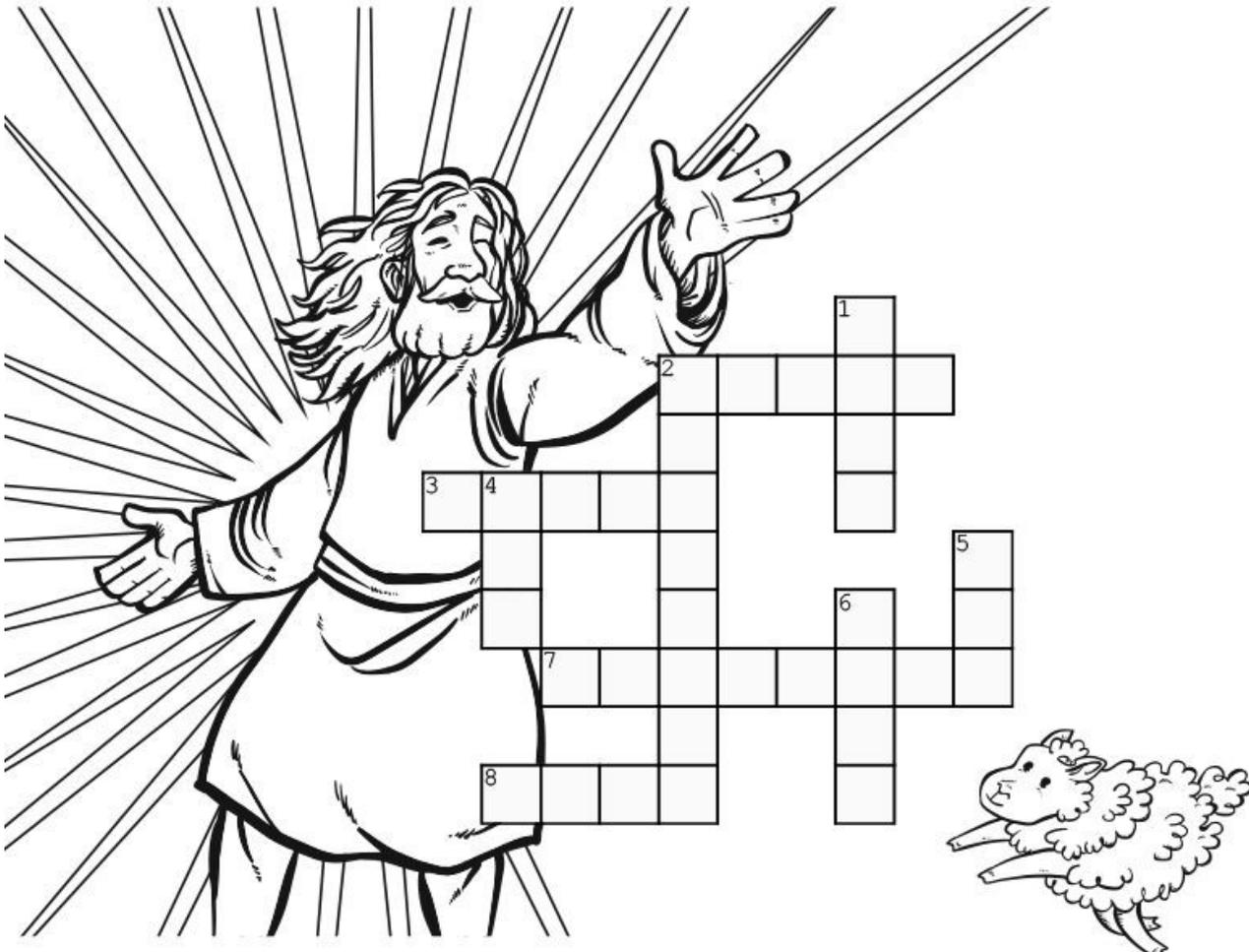
Jesus' Sheep Maze

Read John 10:3-4



"I AM" THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:1-18



Across

2. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His _____.
3. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my _____, and I know them, and they follow me."
7. In each of the "I am" statements, Jesus continues to reveal His true _____.
8. A hireling is someone who gets _____ to watch over the sheep.

Down

1. _____ the Good Shepherd's voice and follow Him.
2. Jesus said, "I am the good _____."
4. How many ways are there to heaven?
5. Jesus said, "I am the _____, the truth, and the life."
6. Jesus came to serve, not to be served, and to give His _____ as a ransom for many.



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Dear Lord,

Thank You for caring for us and keeping us safe.

We know that we cannot be spared from every bad thing, but it is good to know that You are there to guide us and to help us in every situation.

We are like sheep and need someone to guide and protect us.

Thank You, Lord, for being our Good Shepherd.

Amen.



Answer to "What am I" on page 6. Did you guess correctly?

I am a rainbow

