

## Word for the week ...

### **Bible passage**

**John 10: 14-16**

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep 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 are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.



### **Activity ...**

**Parent/Carer:**

Draw a picture of a sheep or used a stuffed toy and hide it somewhere in your house/garden.

The challenge is for your child/children to find the sheep with you guiding them by saying 'warmer' as they get closer and 'colder' when they go further away

**Children**

Your challenge is to find the sheep in the quickest time possible! Do it a few times, record how long it takes and see what your fastest time is!

I would love to see how quickly you can do it. If you send in your record time I will make a league table and share it with you all. Send your name and fastest time to:

**07554307399**

I can't wait to see how speedy you can all be!

### **Discuss ...**

What do you think Jesus means when He says that He is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep?

Click on this link to see join in with a song about Jesus being the Good Shepherd:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGPQX3vQtU8>

Does the song give you any more ideas about what Jesus might have meant?

**Thought for the week ...**

Before we lived here in St Albans My family and I lived in the countryside,  
right next to a farm. On that farm they had sheep and each year there would  
be some tiny lambs who for some reason couldn't be fed by their  
mum and so they had to be fed with a bottle.

Each day when Amarah, my daughter, came home from school she would run next door, make  
up the lamb's milk and then go and feed them with a bottle. She loved to spend time with them  
and they loved to spend time with her.

One day I was walking to school to pick Amarah up. The school was really close, just a minute  
away, and I walked right past the field where the tiny lambs were kept! I tried to put my hand  
through to stroke them but they all ran away – they were obviously scared!

I picked Amarah up and we were walking home, back past the same field.

The minute the tiny lambs heard Amarah's voice they came running to the edge of the fence.  
**They recognised her voice!**

When she put her hand through the fence to stroke them they didn't run away!  
Instead they came really close!

**Why?**

**They knew her. They knew that she gave them all they needed.  
And, they knew she cared for them.**

What's more is *she knew them too*

. To me they all looked the same but she knew little things about them that made them unique.  
She recognised them.

When Jesus said He is the Good Shepherd He is telling us that He is close to us, that He will  
provide all that we need and that He cares for us!

What's more He is telling us that He knows all about us and loves us so much.

*At the beginning of your time of prayer maybe light a candle to represent the light of Christ with you.*

Lord God, you are the Good Shepherd!

We thank you that you know us, that you care for us, that you provide  
all that we need and you love us.

Help us to recognise your voice and to know your care and protection.

In Jesus name we pray.

Amen.

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