



8th May 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The best shepherd



SHARE

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

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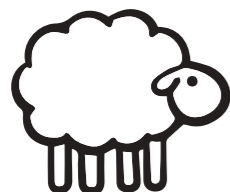
Where do you feel safe? Why?

2

Jesus calls us his sheep, and says that no one can snatch us away from his hand. What do you think he means?

3

In what ways do you experience Jesus as your Good Shepherd?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

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| S | John 10:22-30 | Jesus promises life to his sheep |
| M | Ezekiel 34:1-16 | The Lord and his flock |
| T | Ezekiel 34:20-32 | The promise of a shepherd |
| W | Matthew 18:10-14 | Parable of the lost sheep |
| T | Jeremiah 23:1-4 | God will gather his sheep |
| F | Revelation 7: 9-17 | Praise from the great crowd |
| S | Psalms 23 | The Lord is my shepherd |
| S | John 13:31-35 | Love one another |



TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Jesus our Shepherd, please give us ears that listen to you, minds that seek you and hearts that follow you. Amen.



BLESS

May God's goodness and love be with you each day of your life.

Easter

In the season of Easter we celebrate how Jesus appeared to many after his resurrection. Jesus' resurrection has changed our lives forever. **WHITE** or **GOLD** are the colours of Easter and represent victory, resurrection and eternal life.

Creative Response

A good tradition to develop in a Christian home is to memorise scripture.

Work together as a household to encourage one another to memorise verses.

This week aim to memorise **Psalm 23:1-6**. Start by learning the first verse, then add a verse each day. It might make it easier to remember if you make up actions for the words.



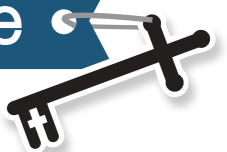
mealtime prayer

Good shepherd, we have all we need - food for our mouths and rest for our souls. Thank you. Amen.

verse for the week
"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand."

JOHN 10:27-28

Service



Traditionally, Good Shepherd Sunday is associated with prayers for people who are serving in specific ministry roles in the church. Use your home devotion times this week to pray for those God uses to shepherd his people - here are some suggestions for each day:

Monday - Church leaders

Tuesday - Pastors and church workers

Wednesday - Christian teachers or educators

Thursday - Church musicians and volunteers

Friday - Missionaries and evangelists

Saturday - Chaplains in schools, hospitals and aged care