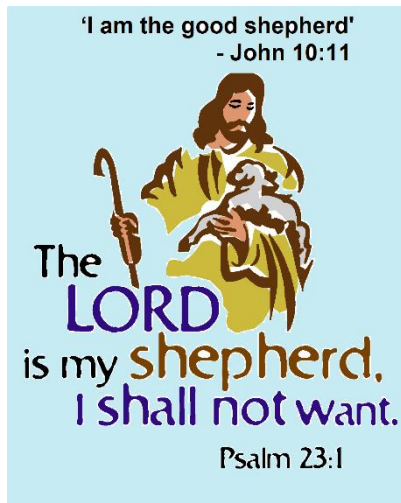


# “I am the Good Shepherd”

Children’s liturgy activity April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021



## VERSE OF THE WEEK

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

- John 10:11



### Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus says to his disciples that he is the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. The hired worker who is not the shepherd does not own the sheep. He runs away in times of danger and the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. He runs away as he does not care for the sheep. Jesus is the good shepherd who knows his own sheep and the sheep know him as father in heaven knows Jesus and Jesus knows the father. The good shepherd gathers all the sheep that belongs to other flock. So, there will be one flock and one shepherd. No one will snatch the ones following the good shepherd. Father loves Jesus as he lays down his life voluntarily to save the sheep. Father gives the authority to Jesus to give his life for the sheep.

Jesus is our good shepherd. He laid his life to save and redeem us. He made us his own delivering us from sin and death. He always cares for us and provides us, leading us to green pastures. We are his sheep, and we need to follow Jesus closely. We must listen to His voice and know him more and more as we follow him. With Jesus leading us, no evil will be able to snatch us. The good shepherd always gathers.

Be careful of the hired- shepherds. We can know them from their behaviour towards the sheep. His love and care are not sincere, he runs away leaving the sheep in times of danger. He scatters and allows the sheep to be snatched by wolf.

Realize the Good Shepherd and follow only his voice.

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. Our priests in the church are like shepherds. They are representatives of Jesus. Let us pray for our Pope Francis and all priests that they can listen to the voice of Jesus and be His voice to lead each of us to Him and to gather other sheep to listen to Jesus’ voice and form one flock under Jesus.

Seek the help of your parents to read Psalms 23

Can you spot the Good Shepherd in the picture?



Circle all the characters needed for a Good Shepherd.

Runs away in danger      risks his life for the sheep

sleep always      feed the sheep      sell the sheep

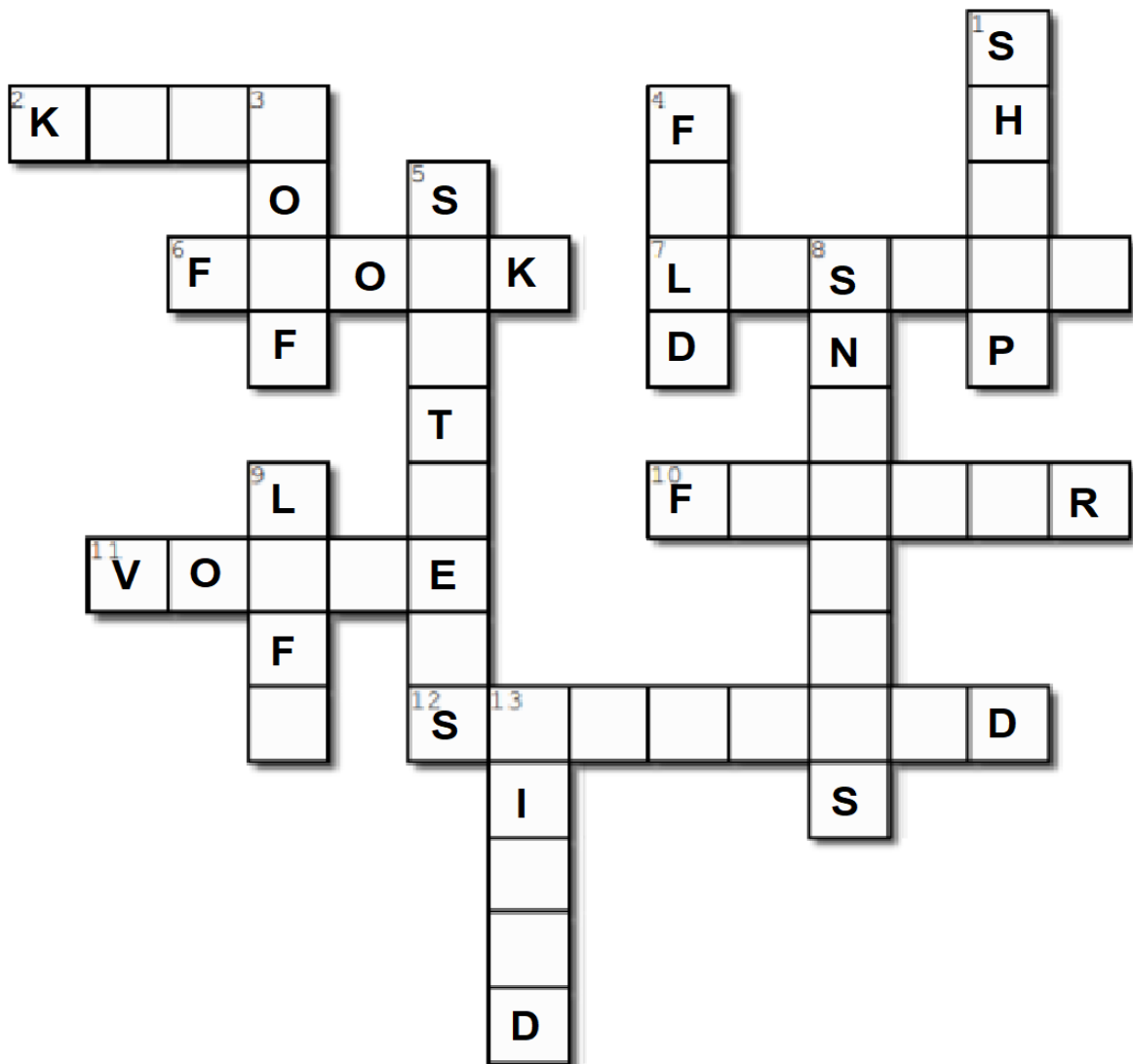
he gathers      stay awake and watch

stay awake and dream      he scatters


## Crossword Puzzle

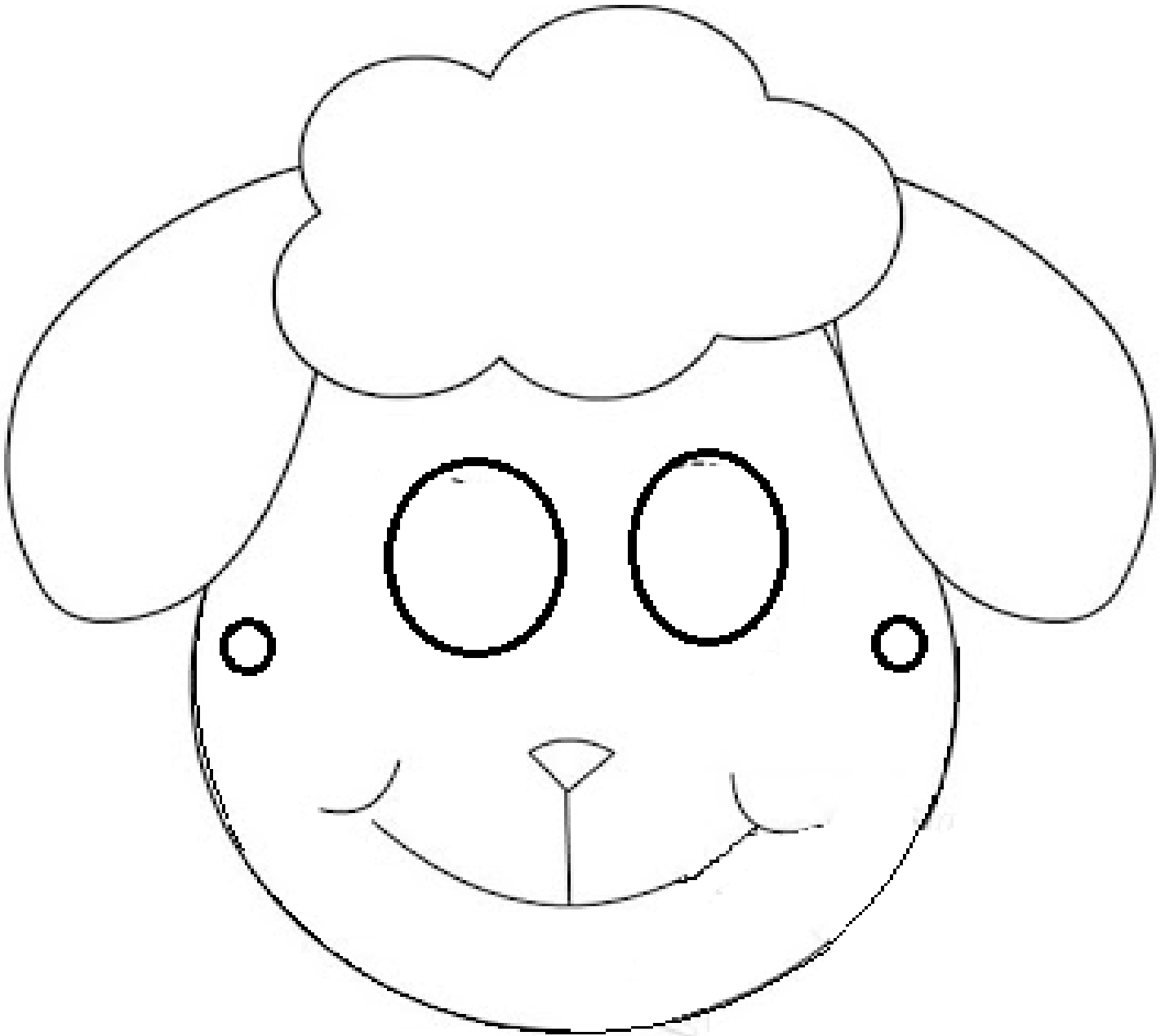
Read the following passage and using the clues in the crossword puzzle find the words from the passage and complete the puzzle.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 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. - John 10:11-1



## Make a sheep Mask.

Cut out the template, colour it and stick cotton balls on the head of the sheep. Stick the mask on a hard card to make it firm. Punch holes on both the circles  and attach an elastic string. Your sheep mask is ready.



 Let us Pray

Dear Lord Jesus, you are our Good shepherd. We thank you for your great love and sacrifice that redeemed us. Thank you for providing us and leading us safely every moment of our life. Give us your grace and train us to listen to your voice and follow you always. We pray for our Priests whom you have assigned to lead us to you. Bless them ,protect them, and anoint them to be good shepherds just like you. In Jesus' name pray amen.