

Home Time is Holy Time
week of April 25th

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE COLLECT:

“O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear Jesus’ voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads: who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”



A PUPPET SHOW
ABOUT THE 23RD PSALM
<https://youtu.be/QdFKqh7wOK4>



READINGS:

- ✿ From Psalm 23: [A Psalm of David](#)
- ✿ From the New Testament: [John 10; 11-18](#)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER (YOUNGERS):

- ✿ How are you like a baby lamb or sheep?
- ✿ Who takes care of you?
- ✿ What are the things that you really need every day?
- ✿ Who makes sure that you have these things?



QUESTIONS TO PONDER (OLDER):

- ✿ How are your needs different from those of a simple sheep?
- ✿ How will your life be different?
- ✿ Who helps you find that difference?
- ✿ Who can you turn to when you are really, really troubled?
- ✿ Do you know in your heart of hearts that God is always there and that you are NEVER EVER really alone?
- ✿ Is there anyone who looks to you as their shepherd? How would it feel to disappoint them?
- ✿ Do you ever have the chance to thank your shepherds?



THINGS TO DO:

- ✿ **From Wolfus:** not his favorite story, but the only one he knows [that has a wolf in its music](#)
- ✿ **And some more [about the instruments](#)** if you would like. Which is your favorite?
- ✿ **[Watch another video](#)** about the 23rd Psalm (and look for Wolfus!):
- ✿ **Think about being a shepherd.** How could you help out if your baby sheep were ... (Add other ideas if you would like)

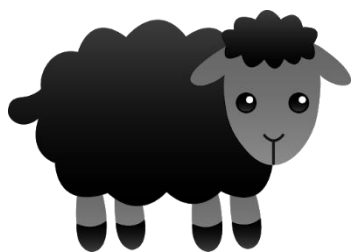


Baby sheep are	What to do?
Hungry	
Thirsty	
Cranky	
Looking for freedom	
Tired	
Dirty	
Too warm	
Close to a baby wolf!	



- ✿ Think about being a shepherd again. But this time, you're taking care of a neighbor's baby. (And remember, no screens for shepherds or babysitters!) What will you do if the baby is ...

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Close to a bully!	



✿ **Make a sheep:** You will need pipe cleaners, or chenille stems, or some really strong twist ties, and some wool roving, or yarn, or those stretched out cotton balls, or even toilet paper strips or white crepe paper. Cut one pipe cleaner to be the length of a small sheep body (5 inches). Fold one end under to become the head. Cut two more lengths of just 2 inches in length. Twist these onto the body stem where you think the legs should be. You should now be able to see a basic shape: long body with head at one end and four legs. Tip up the end opposite the head to make a tail. Now wrap, wrap, wrap with your roving or what-have-you. If you have a bell, you could tie it around the sheep's neck. Actually, you could make a lot of these if you have the basic materials. Or you could try some of the different materials and see which one you like the best. (There's a sample front left in the puppet show.)

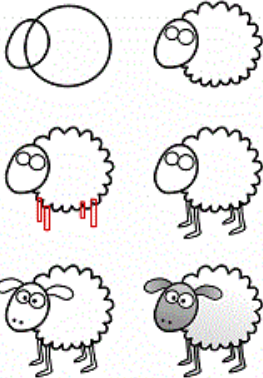
- ✿ **Find Shaun the Sheep:** This is a game from the Grommet and Wallace folks. <https://www.shaunthesheep.com/games/wheres-shaun>
- ✿ **Get outside and take a moment of quiet:** Try to see the world through a sheep's eyes. Do you see food? Water? A safe place to graze? A shady place for when it's too sunny? A protected place for when it gets dark? Try to see the world through a shepherd's eyes. What dangers do you see in the world for your sheep?



✿ **Spent some time at the table:** Talk with your friends, talk with your family. What things could you count on your friends for? What things do you count on your family for? If your friends failed you, where could you turn? If your family couldn't take care of you for some reason, have you talked about another family where you would be welcome for a short time? What if you were just in your neighborhood and needed help? Or even just a glass of water?

✿ **Make the best sugar sheep cookies ever (this will be good practice for Pentecost doves):**

✿ Cream together or use a mixer: **1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter at room temperature + 1 ½ cups flour.**



How to draw a sheep!

✿ Add: **1 egg + 1 teaspoon almond extract + ½ teaspoon vanilla extract**

✿ Now add: **2 ¾ cups flour + 1 teaspoon baking soda + 1 teaspoon baking powder**

✿ It should be one gigantic ball. Break it into two parts and flatten into a tortilla shape but fat. Refrigerate about ½ hour in a plastic bag or plastic wrap.

✿ Turn oven on to 375 degrees.

✿ Grease baking sheets or use parchment paper or silpats. Roll out dough onto floured surface.

Your dough should be about 1/8 inch thick.

✿ Cut around sheep shape and lift carefully onto baking sheet. Bake about 8 minutes. Let cool before icing with:

✿ **Icing:** Stir together: **1 cup powdered sugar + 3 Tablespoons milk + ¼ teaspoon almond or lemon extract.**

✿ Add details with icing gel in any color. Video extras on making these cookies: <https://youtu.be/ICbfJdy5k-M> (Next time I promise to wash the floor and do my nails!)



HOW TO MAKE SHEEP COOKIES:
<https://youtu.be/ICbfJdy5k-M>

BOOKS & MOVIES

Read Alouds for Youngers

- ✿ [Sheep in a Jeep](#) by Nancy E. Shaw
- ✿ [Sheep Take a Hike](#) by Nancy E. Shaw
- ✿ [The Great Sheep Shenanigans](#) by Peter Bently

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Heavenly Father, Let me always find my safe home in you, like the sheep that is found in the shepherd's arms. Amen.

Book for Olders

- ✿ [Taran Wanderer](#), from the Chronicles of Prydain by Lloyd Alexander

Movies

- ✿ [So Dear to My Heart](#) (Amazon Prime, Disney)
- ✿ [Babe](#) (Hulu)
- ✿ [A Close Shave](#) with Wallace and Gromit (Amazon Prime)
- ✿ [Shaun the Sheep](#) with Wallace and Gromit (Amazon Prime)

Have a great week! Stay healthy and take care of each other! Hugs, Nancy ✿

FINE ART TO ENJOY:



The Good Shepherd,
Engraving by Max D. Standley

The Good Shepherd
by Henry Ossawa
Tanner, (1902-03).
Zimmerli Art
Museum, Rutgers
University, New
Jersey.

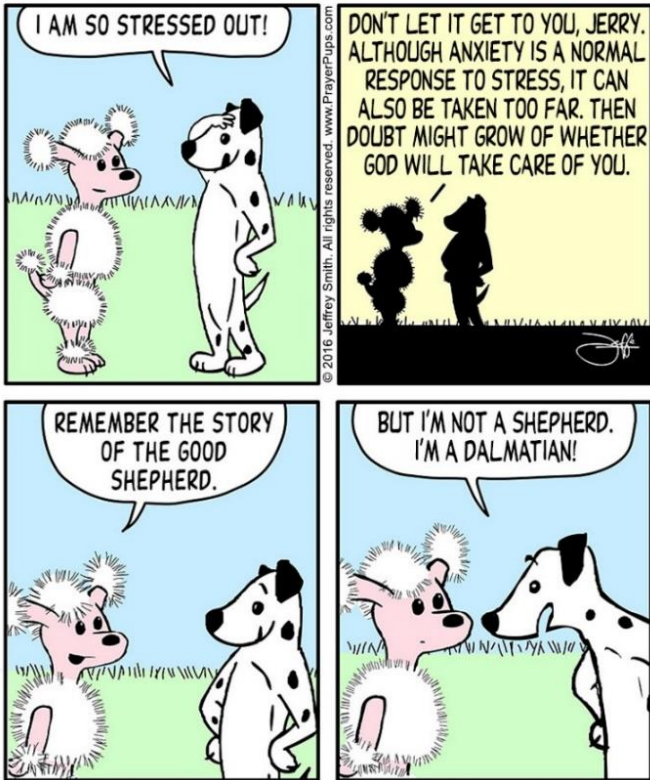




The Good Shepherd, 4th century, Marble. Museo Pio Cristiano, Vatican Museum, Rome, Italy.

CARTOONS:

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



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"The kid's good."



STAINED GLASS TO COLOR:



The Good Shepherd by Gregory Effinger, Steamboat Springs, Colorado

SHEEP TEMPLATE FOR COOKIES:

