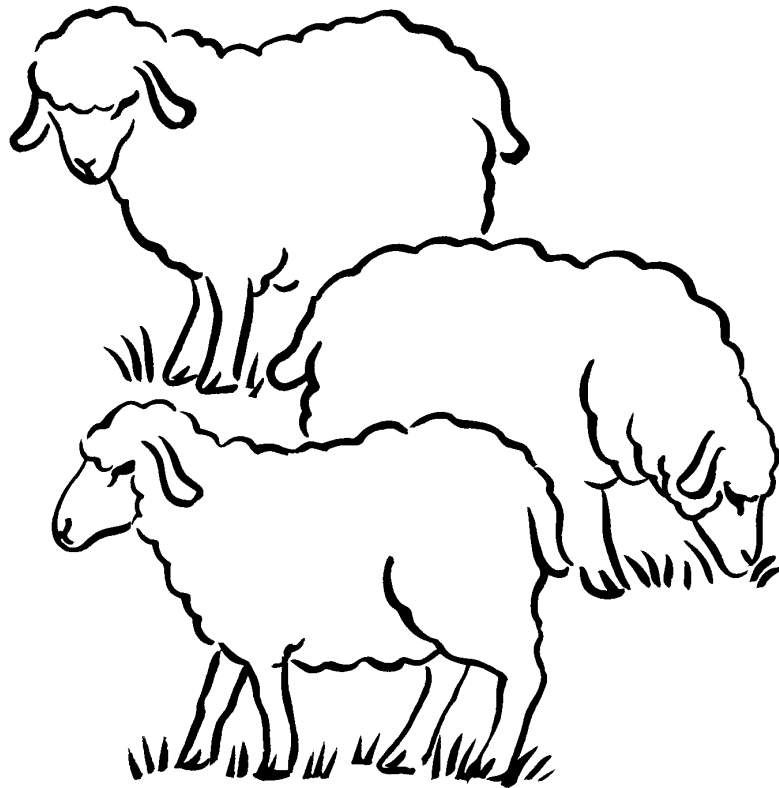


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Following our shepherd

You are one of Jesus' sheep. How can you follow Jesus, your good shepherd? Write your answer inside one of the sheep shapes. Have two people sitting nearby each write a different answer in the other two sheep shapes.



Jesus, you are my good shepherd. Help me to trust in your love and care. Amen

This week

A good shepherd calls sheep by name. Find out how your name was chosen and what it means.

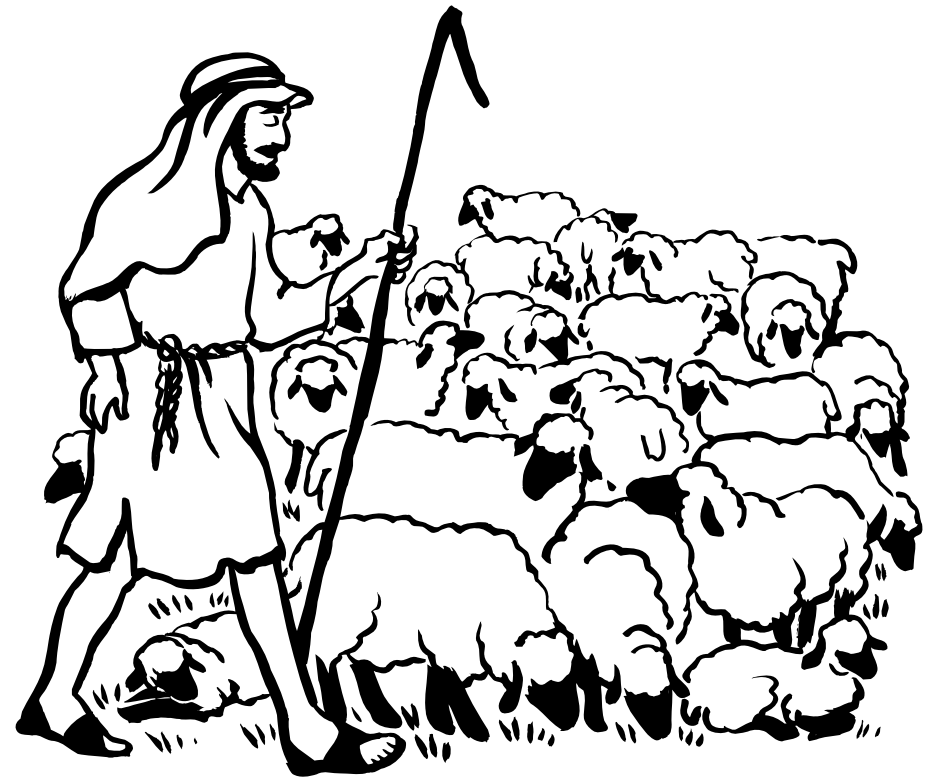
Kids Celebrate

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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Welcome to worship. Today is the fourth Sunday of Easter. Today is also called "Good Shepherd Sunday." In the Bible, Jesus is called the good shepherd. Jesus watches over us and keeps us safe, the way a shepherd protects sheep.



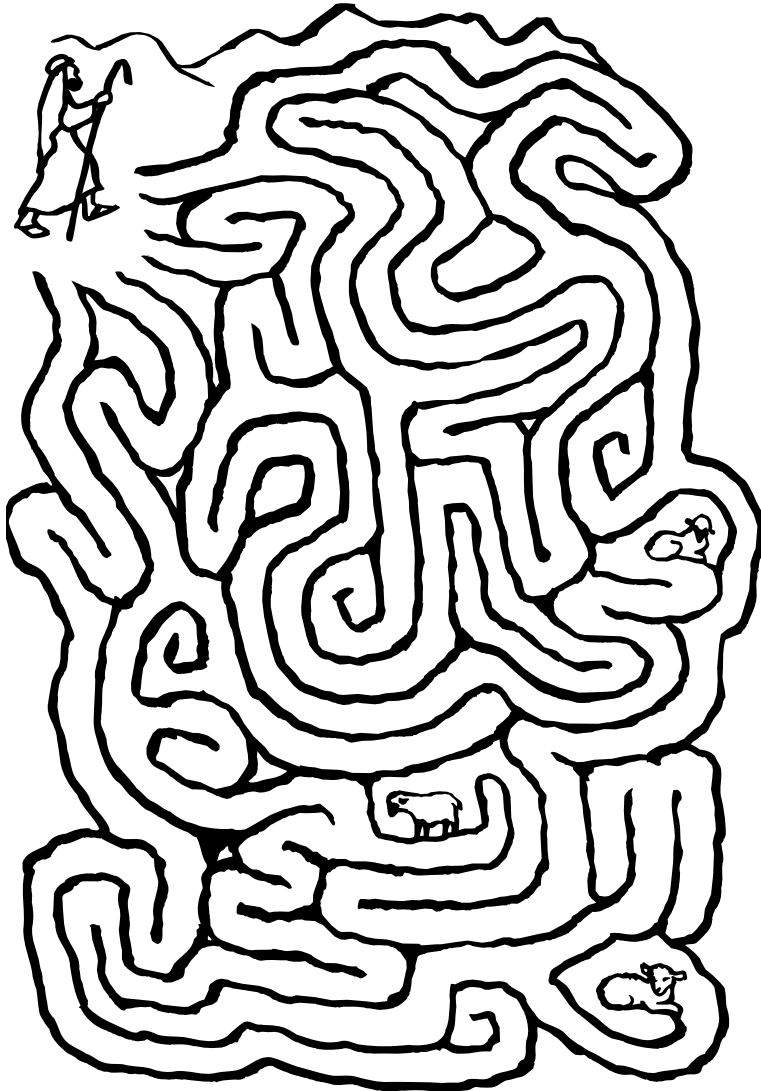
How many sheep are in this shepherd's flock? _____

The good shepherd

John 10:22-30

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. No one will steal my sheep away from me. I give them everlasting life and they will be with me forever."

Help this shepherd find three missing sheep.



Psalm 23

The book of Psalms in the Bible is a collection of songs. Psalm 23 is about Jesus, our good shepherd.



The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

Psalm 23:1-4 (NRSV)



Giving of their Talents

Just like Tabitha gave of her gifts to her community, many people at your church give their gifts to make today's worship experience great. Look at the pictures below and circle the scene if you see people in worship using their gifts in these ways.

Someone reading out loud



Someone singing



Someone dancing



Someone preaching



Someone playing a musical instrument



Someone giving offering



How could you share your gifts in church today?

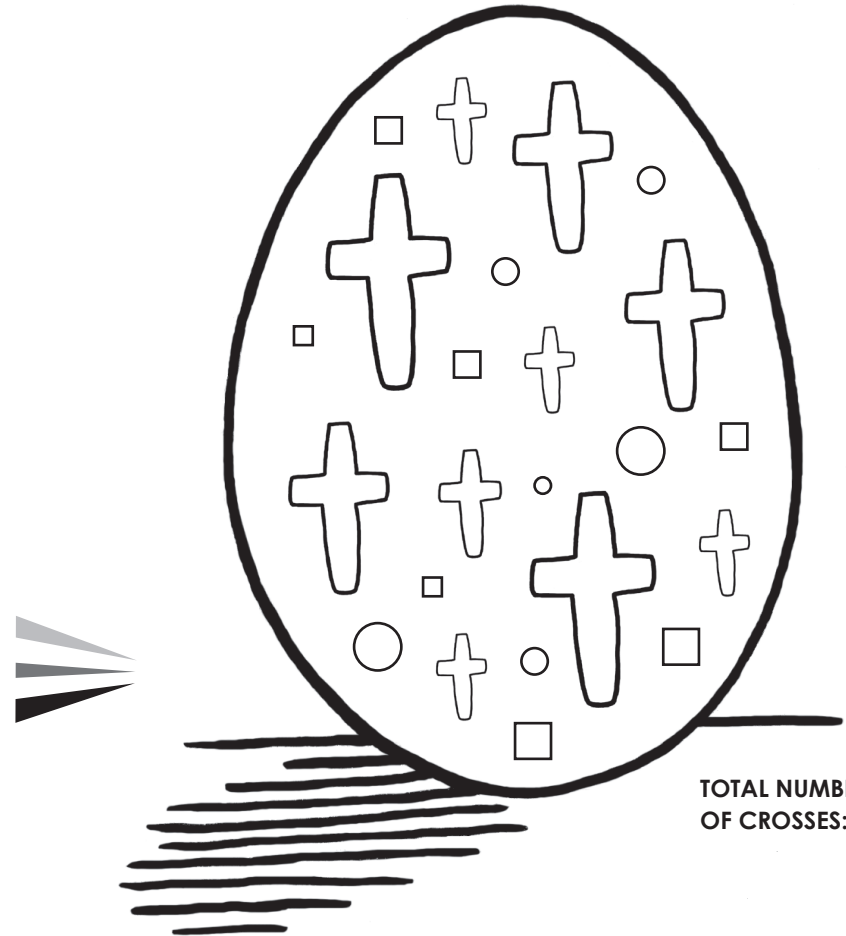


READER

Easter 4

- Today is the **4th Sunday** of Easter.
- In Easter, we remember the **ministry of Jesus**.
- The season of Easter reminds us that **Jesus' ministry does not end with his death!**

Count the Crosses



TOTAL NUMBER OF CROSSES:

Did you know that the Bible promises some wonderful things for you? In today's memory verse, we find out that both goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives. Color in these words about goodness and mercy.

Memory Verse



**"SURELY GOODNESS
AND MERCY SHALL
FOLLOW ME ALL THE
DAYS OF MY LIFE,
AND I SHALL DWELL
IN THE HOUSE
OF THE LORD MY
WHOLE LIFE LONG."
-PSALM 23:6**

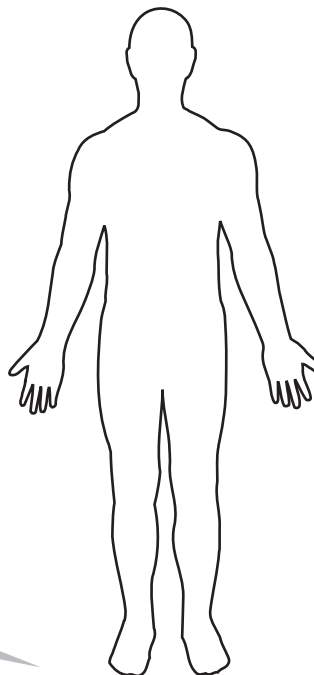


Look it Up!

Today's memory verse comes from one of the most well-known psalms. Do you know the rest of it? Look up Psalm 23 (Hint: Flip to about the middle of your Bible to find the book of Psalms) to see if you've heard it before. If so, can you say it by heart?

Cool Clothing

Today's Bible story is about a woman named Tabitha. She was famous for making beautiful clothes like tunics, cloaks, and robes. Using inspiration from Tabitha and her work, design an extravagant outfit on the figure below. How can you use a unique talent to help people? Write your idea below:



MY TALENT:

HOW I CAN USE MY TALENT TO HELP OTHERS:

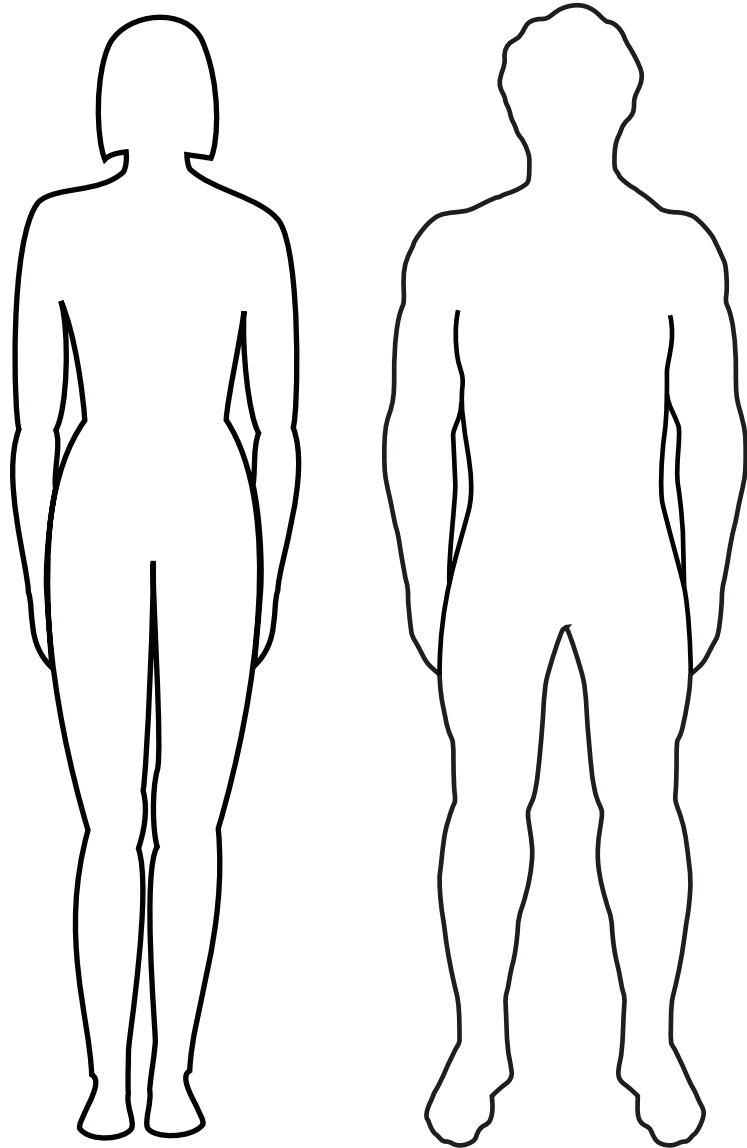
What Peter Got From Jesus

In today's lesson, Peter received a pretty awesome gift from Jesus. Through the power of Jesus, Peter was able to bring a woman named Tabitha back to life! What are some gifts that your friends have given you? Was it a cool toy? Or a warm hug? Maybe a friend showed you how to play chess or taught you what it means to be loyal. Draw the gift that your friend gave you in this gift box.



The woman in today's Bible story, Tabitha, was famous for making beautiful clothing. Look around worship today for some beautiful clothing people are wearing.

Draw their outfits on these two bodies.

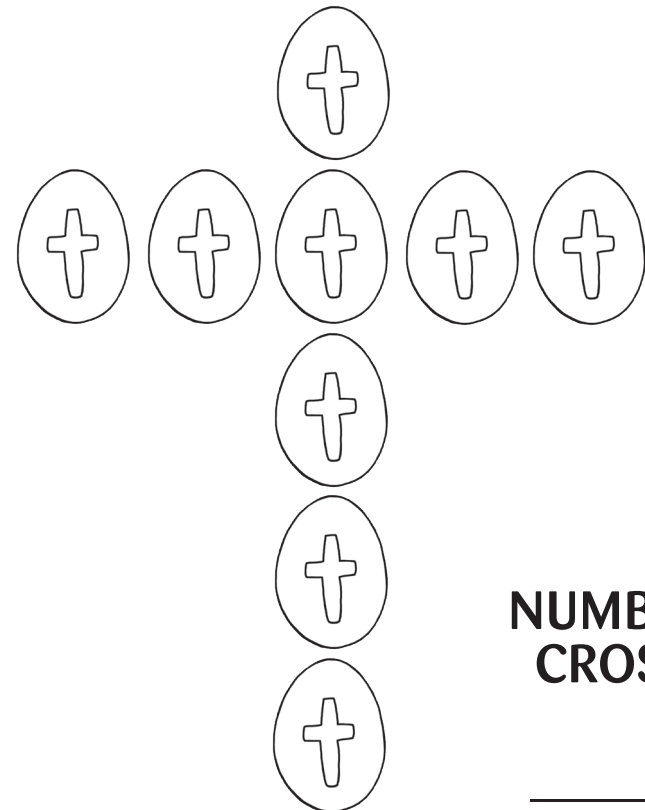


PRE-READER

Easter 4

- Today is the **4th Sunday** of Easter.
- During the Easter season, we learn that the **ministry of Jesus is not over!**

The symbol for the season of Easter is an egg with a cross on it. Count the total number of crosses below.



**NUMBER OF
CROSSES:**



Peter used Jesus' power to bring a woman named Tabitha back to life. If you had the power to do something amazing, what would it be? Feed the hungry? Heal someone you love? Give everyone a home to live in?

Draw your picture below.

Jesus is living in heaven now, but his power is still alive and well on earth.

