

# Send

## Shepherding others

God sends people to carry out the shepherding work of caring for us. How do these people act as your shepherd?

Draw another caring person.



## This week

Imagine being a farmer, rancher, or shepherd caring for your animals. If you know someone who cares for animals draw a picture for them of Jesus, the good shepherd.

# Kids Celebrate

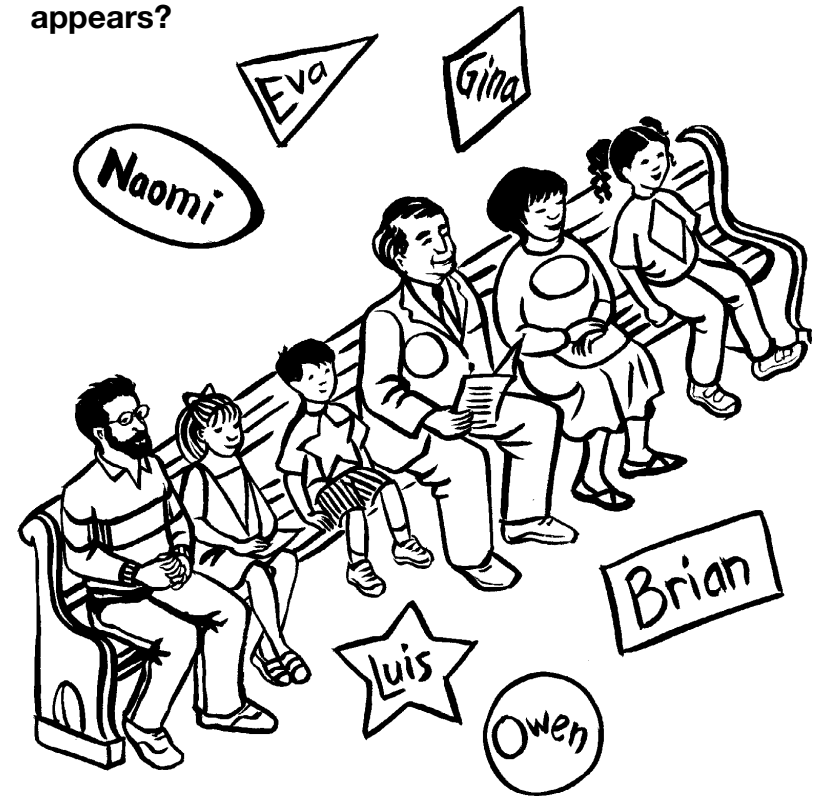
Fourth Sunday of Easter



## gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the fourth Sunday of Easter. These people have all come together to worship God.

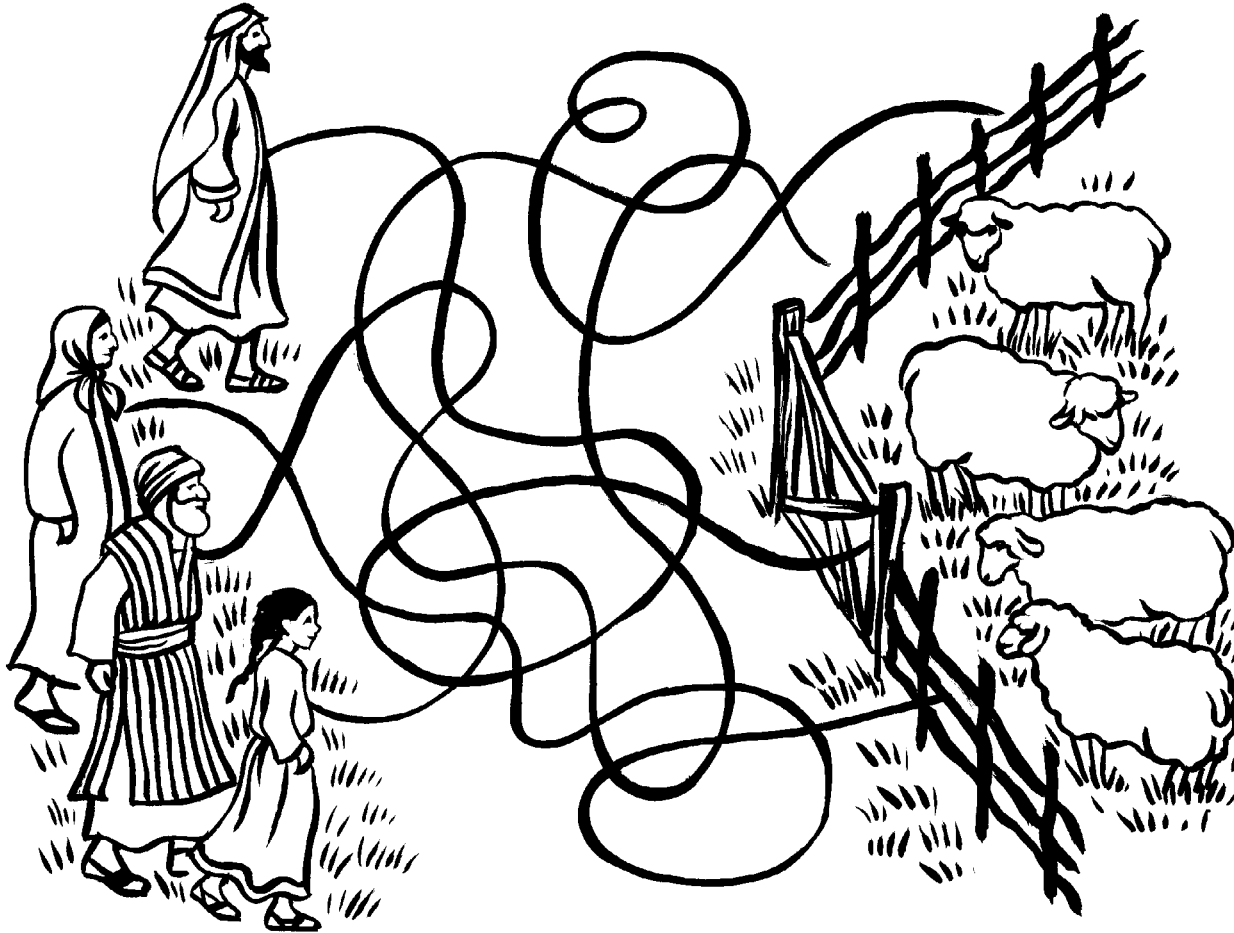
Match the shape of the name tags to the shapes the people are wearing, then print the first letter of each person's name on the correct person. What word appears?



God welcomes everyone!

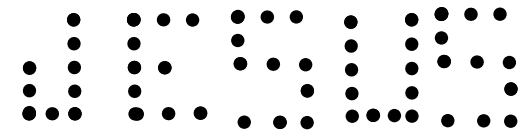
**A shepherd's care**

John 10:1-10



Jesus tells those who were listening, "I am the gate for the sheep." Jesus warns, "Be careful. Watch for thieves and bandits who will keep you from living in Jesus' care."

Who is the shepherd?



Who are the sheep?

**Print your own name and names of family or friends on the sheep.**

**Follow the paths through the maze. The good shepherd will lead you to the gate.**



*Lord, I know I belong to you. Help me to always hear you calling me. Amen*

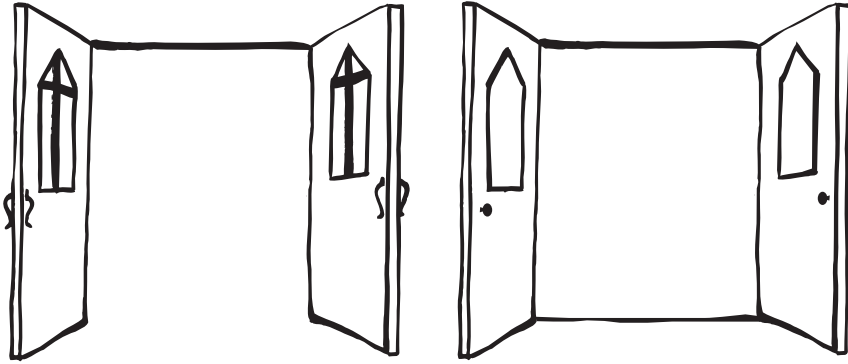


Meet someone new in worship today. Learn his or her name. Include him or her in your prayers this week.

# Door Differences

Listen to today's Gospel lesson. Jesus tells us that he is like a gate or a door. He is the way we get close to God.

Can you spot three differences between these two sets of church doors?



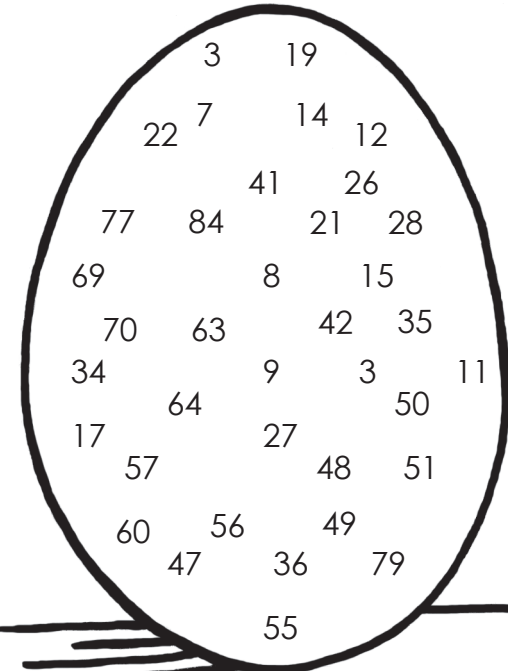
What does the door to your church look like? Draw it here.



- Today is the **fourth Sunday** in Easter.
- There are **seven Sundays** in the Easter season.

## Lucky Sevens

Start with number seven. Connect all of the multiples of seven in order to reveal a symbol for Easter.



EVERYTHING IN COMMON ANSWERS  
 1. All have double letters  
 2. Each set of two words begins with consecutive letters of the alphabet  
 3. All have more vowels than consonants  
 4. All are palindromes—words that are spelled the same forward and backward

Draw lines to connect the pieces of this week's memory verses in order.

## Memory Verse



### Acts 4:34

There was not a needy person among them,

the proceeds of what was sold.

sold them and brought

for as many as owned lands or houses

### Acts 4:33

and grace was upon them all.

The apostles gave their testimony

to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,



### Look it Up!

The early believers did not own anything, but shared everything with each other. Look up Mark 10:17-31 to read what Jesus has to say about sharing our possessions.

## Shepherd Search

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he is like a shepherd, and not like a thief. Can you find all these shepherd words?

G	R	A	Z	E	G	T	H	O
B	I	C	T	G	U	L	Y	R
S	H	E	A	R	I	N	G	E
P	E	E	H	S	D	O	T	C
T	E	L	P	H	E	N	O	E
K	C	Z	F	L	O	C	K	E
D	R	E	H	P	E	H	S	L
B	C	D	T	S	T	A	F	F
M	L	Q	A	O	T	S	B	T
A	Z	W	E	E	R	C	U	I
L	O	O	W	T	L	P	L	M

Find the four letters that are shared by two words in the puzzle. Unscramble these letters to find out what Jesus brings to us as the Good Shepherd.

Shepherd	Lead	Lamb
Sheep	Flock	Fleece
Wool	Shearing	Staff
Protect	Guide	Graze

"I came that they may have \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_, and have it abundantly."  
John 10:10b

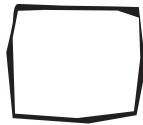
## Everything In Common

The earliest believers of the Christian church shared everything in common with each other. Can you figure out what these groups of words have in common? Answers are on the back page.

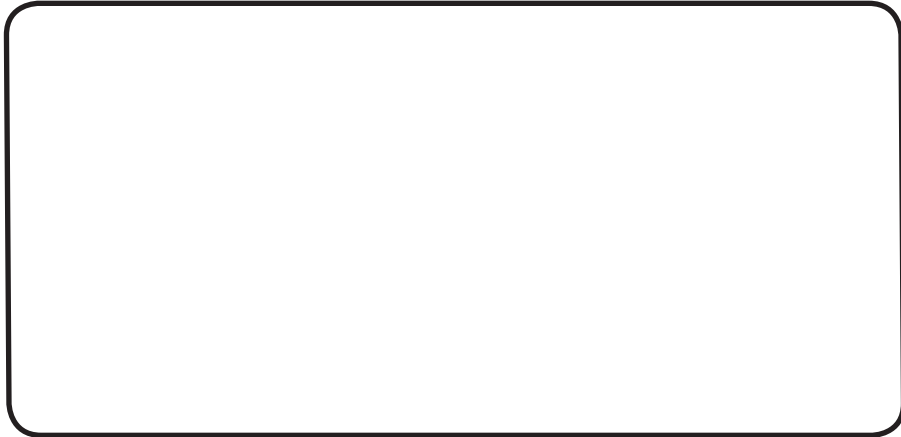
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|--------|----------|
| Apple  | Scissors |
| Letter | Balloon  |
- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Brown Coconut | Quiet Rhino   |
| Funny Girl    | Tiny Umbrella |
- |         |        |
|---------|--------|
| Ohio    | Iowa   |
| Alabama | Hawaii |
- |       |         |
|-------|---------|
| Kayak | Racecar |
| Mom   | Eye     |

The Gospel lesson for today tells us that Jesus is like a **gate** or a door. He is the **way** in to God.

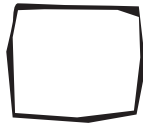
How many doors are there in your church?



Draw a door that you use.



How many doors are there in your home?



Draw a door that you use.

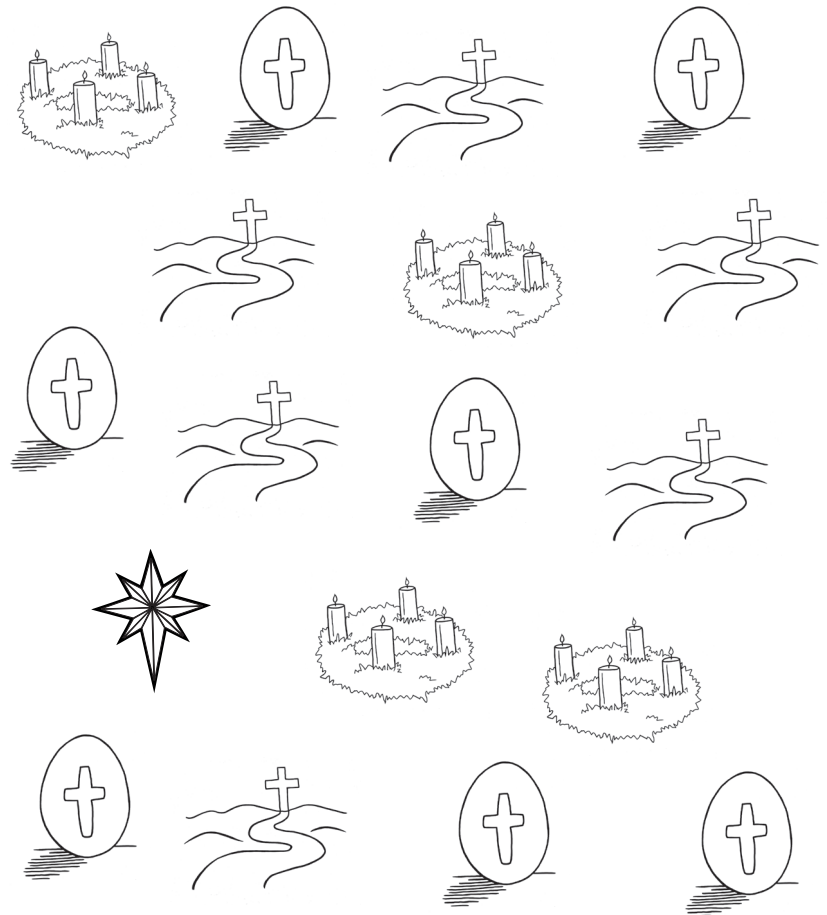


# PRE-READER

Easter 4

- Today is the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** in **Easter**.
- There are **7 Sundays** in the Easter season.

Count how many of each symbol you see.  
Which symbol has seven?





They became one big Christian family.

The book of Acts tells us that the first members of the Christian church **shared everything**.  
Sharing is a great way to **show God's love**.



**Draw lines to match the things you could share with a friend.**

**If a friend had this... I could share this...**

