

Gospel Activity for the 4th Sunday of Easter

The Good Shepherd

April 25, 2021

Gospel (John 10:2-5, 9-11)

One day Jesus said to the crowds, "A shepherd knows his sheep, and his sheep know him. When he calls their names, they know his voice and they follow him, one by one, through the gate of the sheepfold.

"The shepherd walks ahead of them showing them the way. He guides and protects them from danger and harm. The flock will not follow a stranger, instead they scatter and run away because they do not know his voice."

Then Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd, I know my own and my own know me. If anyone follows me, I will lead them safely on their journey to the fullness of everlasting life."

Discussion

How did the sheep recognize their shepherd?

If you were a shepherd in charge of a flock what would you have to do to take care of it?

In the land where Jesus lived, there is very little grass, and the shepherd must lead his sheep from place to place to find enough food to eat. Often it is steep and hilly, and the sheep must carefully follow their shepherd along the path that he shows them. They rely on him to find food and water for them and to protect them from wild animals.

Jesus is like the shepherd because he will stay with us always. He knows all of us by name and calls us to follow him. He will lead us along the right path to heaven and will protect us from harm along the way. With him before us we can feel safe and secure because we can trust him to take care of all our needs.

That is why Jesus is called the Good Shepherd.

Good Shepherd Cupcakes



You will need:

- Cupcakes with white icing
- Miniature marshmallows
- White icing (for eyes)
- Chocolate syrup (for eyes)
- Chocolate animal crackers (the buffalo work best)
- toothpicks



Take a chocolate animal cracker (buffalo work best) break off the legs (and head if necessary) to form a long narrow sheep's face. The legs make the ears.



Put the face on the cupcake and then add the ears. Surround the face with miniature marshmallow, pressing them into the icing on the cupcake.



Use a toothpick to add two balls of white icing for the eyes.



Use another toothpick to add chocolate icing on top of the white drops to finish the eyes.



That's it!
It's easy to make a flock of yummy sheep!!!