

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

April 25, 2021



# Children's Liturgy of the Word

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Holy Family Catholic Church's CLOW Online. We are blessed to have you with us and grateful to offer this program. Please, prayerfully go through this liturgy with your children.

If you have any questions, please email Cyndi at [familyministry@hfccmail.org](mailto:familyministry@hfccmail.org)



# OPENING SONG

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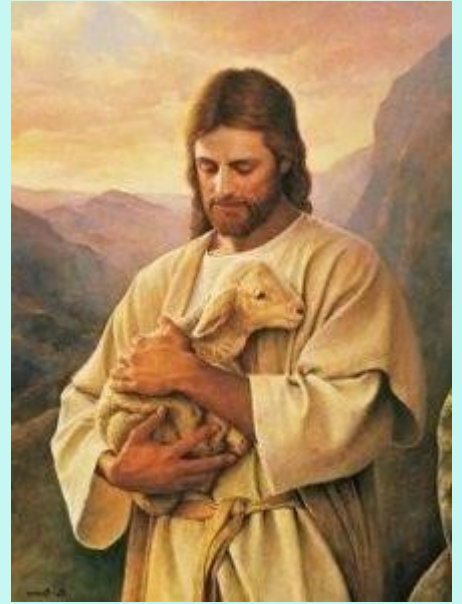
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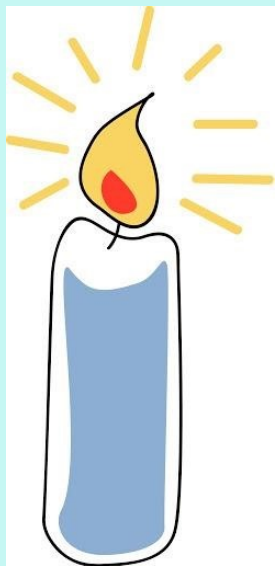
# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Introduction:

A shepherd's lonely job was to find food for his sheep and to protect them from wild animals. Today we hear how Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd.



## OPENING PRAYER



Light a Candle and say this prayer:

Lord, as we light our candles, we pray  
that you fill our hearts with the light  
of Jesus.

Amen.

## **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?**

They knew the sound of his voice, and he was able to call each one of them by their name.

**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.

**Why did Jesus call himself the Good Shepherd?**

Like the shepherd, Jesus will stay with us always. He knows all of us by name and calls us to follow him. He will lead us along the 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.



# COLORING PAGES

The next two slides are coloring pages for your child. Print out only those slides.







# Let's Pray Together

For all of those working to keep us safe.

For all of those who are sick.

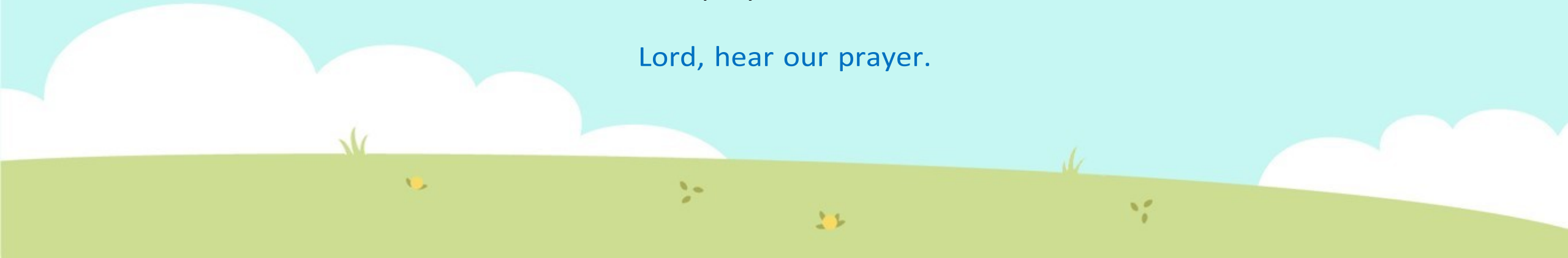
For God to keep us and those we love safe.

And, for anything for which you want to pray.

*(Pause to give your child time to pray)*

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.



# CLOSING PRAYER

The Lord is my shepherd, he gives me everything I need.  
He leads me to lie down in green meadows and to drink  
beside cool, deep pools.

He is my strength and protection and guides me along  
the right path.

Even in times of darkness and trouble I will not be afraid,  
for he is always beside me and will protect me from  
harm.

I know that his goodness and love will stay with me all  
the days of my life.

Amen  
(Psalm 23:1-4,6)



**HAVE A GREAT DAY!**

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

