

Children's Newsletter

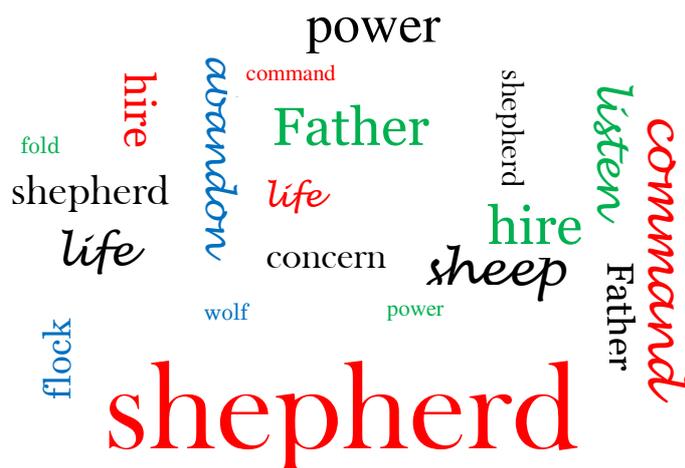
St Mary's

John 10:27-30

4th Sunday
of Easter

To be a good shepherd you must know your sheep, know when they are well and know when they need help. If you care for your sheep then they will recognize your voice and know that you are there.

Today's gospel tells us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and whose sheep know him. He says that he will lay down his life for us (his sheep) and that he did this because he loved us.



Word Cloud

This is the start of a word cloud using some of the words from today's Gospel.

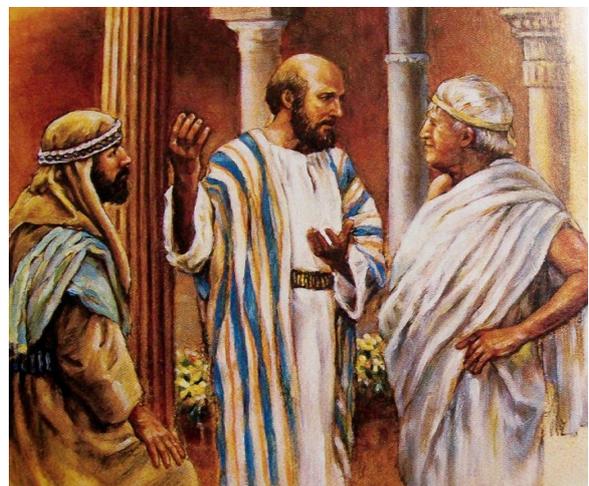
Can you use these words, and any more that you heard today, to fill in the word cloud and make it bigger?

Paul preaches to the Jews

The first reading tells us about Paul and Barnabas going to the synagogue and talking with the Jews about Jesus.

The next day word had spread and many people came to listen to Paul. The next day, some of the Jews who were jealous of Paul started shouting and telling everyone that what Paul was saying was rubbish.

Paul and Barnabas told the Jews that they had been told to tell the Jews about Jesus but if they didn't want to hear and believe in Jesus then Paul and Barnabas would go to other peoples.



St Matthias

How does someone become an apostle? After the Resurrection, there were only eleven apostles, one more was needed.

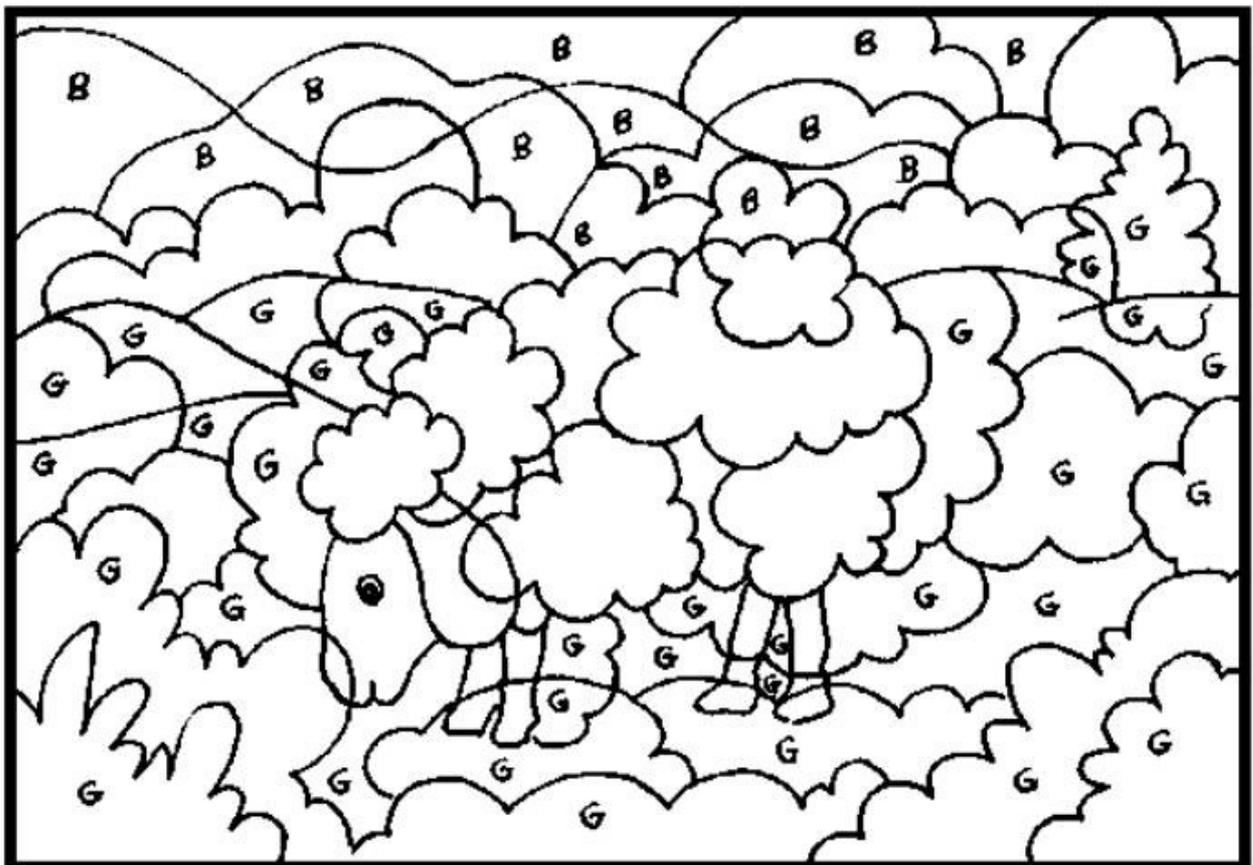
Twelve was a very important number in Jewish tradition, there were twelve tribes of Israel and as the Jews were the first to hear the news of Jesus, the other apostles wanted to have twelve apostles to carry on the work. But who to choose?

It had to be someone who had been with the others since the beginning, who stayed with Jesus throughout his teaching, believed in him when things went wrong.

After much prayer and discussions, Matthias was chosen to be one of the twelve.

It has been said that Matthias was chosen not for what he was but for what he was going to become. Just like us, we need to think about what Jesus wants us to become.

His feast day is May 14th.



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