

# Children's Newsletter

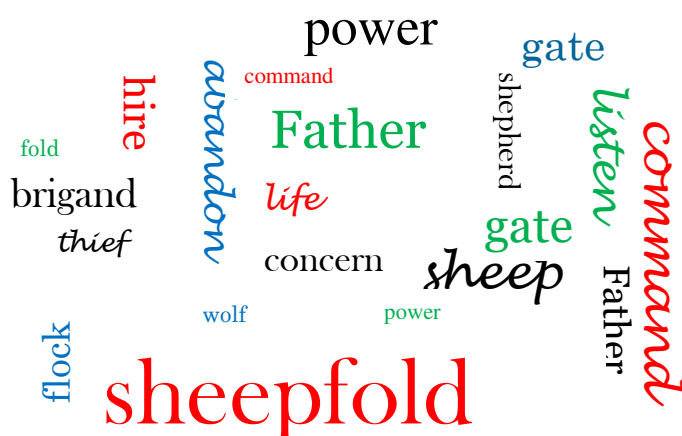
## St Mary's

4th Sunday  
of Easter

### John 10:1-10

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 gate of the Sheep-fold and it is through him that we will come to God, his father. Jesus is the one who will keep us safe.



### 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

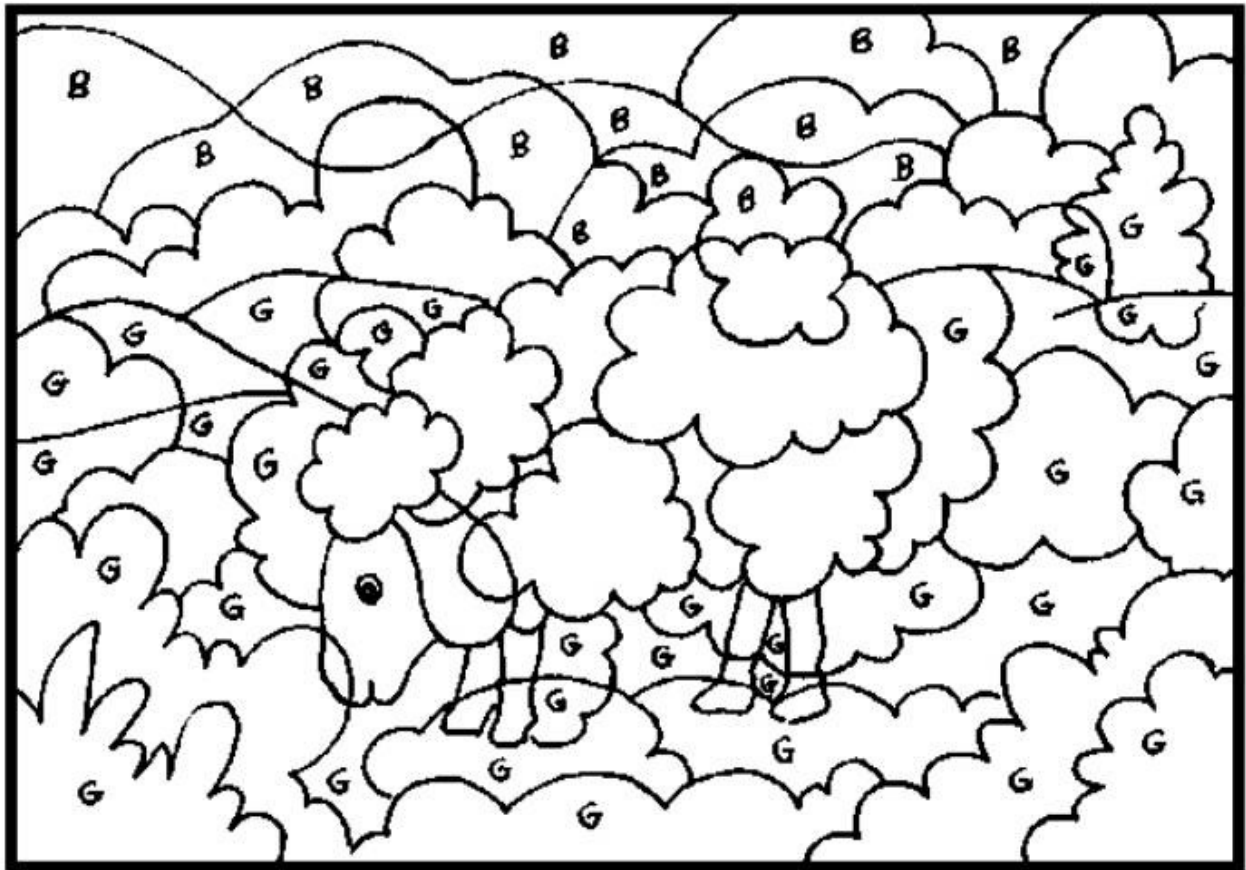
### Peter preaches to the Jews

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles and tells us how Peter spoke to the crowd at Pentecost.

He stood before them and told them they had killed the Son of God and that they must repent (be sorry for) this.

The people listening wanted to know more and about three thousand were baptised that day.





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## Symbols

What do the symbols of Easter mean? What do they have to do with the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Below is a list of some Easter symbols and their meanings:

### Easter Lilies

Easter lilies grow in the spring close to Easter time. Because they look like trumpets, they are a symbol for living forever with God ([1 Corinthians 15:52](#)).

### Butterflies

The life cycle of a butterfly is a symbol of eternal life. While in its cocoon, it changes and emerges in a new and beautiful form ([1 Corinthians 15:53,54](#)).

### Eggs

When some people think of Easter, they think of eggs. Eggs represent the new life that returns to nature during the spring. Christians also view it as a reminder of the tomb from which Jesus Christ arose ([Luke 24:1-4](#)). Early Christians used red coloured eggs to symbolize the Resurrection.



### The Cross

The cross is a symbol of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Jesus' resurrection is his victory over the power of sin and death ([Romans 3:25,26](#)). That is why the cross has become the major symbol for God's power to forgive sins and give new life to people ([1 Corinthians 1:18](#)). People often bake hot cross buns to symbolize this event.



### The Lamb



The lamb is another symbol associated with Jesus. He is often referred to in the Bible as the "Lamb of God" ([Revelation 5:6-14](#)). John the Baptist described Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" ([John 1:29](#)).