

## **This week's preparation for your First Communion**



1. In the Gospel story for this Sunday, Jesus says he is like **The Good Shepherd** and we are like the sheep who listen to his voice & follow him because he loves us and wants what is best for us. You can read the story on the next page. Then copy this link [https://sermons4kids.com/storage/6893/shepherds\\_voice\\_bulletin.pdf](https://sermons4kids.com/storage/6893/shepherds_voice_bulletin.pdf) to go to the Sermons4kids website to find a set of puzzles relating to this story. If you don't have a printer, draw a picture of Jesus the Good Shepherd and yourself & your family as some his flock of sheep! Add some cotton wool to your drawing to make your sheep more realistic 😊
2. Listen to this song about the Good Shepherd  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISkDE5hhCyo>  
What are some of the things the song says that the Shepherd does for us?
3. Practise the actions once again for the Our Father so that you will be able to use them as we pray the Our Father together at Mass (If you don't remember how to do them you can watch them on the Grow in Love website at <https://app.growinlove.ie/en/user/lesson-resources/176> )

## **The Gospel Story: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I tell you for certain  
that only thieves and robbers climb over the fence  
instead of going in through the gate to the sheep pen.  
But the gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd,  
and he goes in through the gate.  
The sheep know their shepherd’s voice.  
He calls each of them by name and leads them out.  
“When he has led out all of his sheep,  
he walks in front of them,  
and they follow, because they know his voice.  
The sheep will not follow strangers.  
They don’t recognize a stranger’s voice,  
and they run away.”

Jesus told the people this story.

But they did not understand what he was talking about.

Then Jesus said:

“I tell you for certain that I am the gate for the sheep.  
Everyone who came before me was a thief or a robber,  
and the sheep did not listen to any of them.  
I am the gate.  
All who come in through me will be saved.  
Through me they will come and go and find pasture.  
“A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy.  
I came so that everyone would have life,  
and have it in its fullest.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**