



# TAKING FAITH home

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EASTER 4B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:

JESUS IS OUR GOOD SHEPHERD

## meatime prayer

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, thank you for feeding us, protecting us and loving us. May we always listen to you and follow you. Amen.

## verse for the week

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep."

ACTS 3:15

## blessing

May God's kindness and love be with you each day of your life, and may you live forever with the Lord. Amen.

PSALM 23:6

## FAITH 5™



**share** your highs and lows of the day or discuss some of the questions from the FOURKEYS Faith Talk.



**read** and highlight a passage of scripture in your Bible. These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	John 10:11-18	The Good Shepherd
Monday	Genesis 48:8-19	God has been my shepherd
Tuesday	Isaiah 40:9-11,28-31	God tends his flock
Wednesday	Ezekiel 34:11-16,23-24	God will look after his sheep
Thursday	Mark 6:30-34	Jesus, the compassionate shepherd
Friday	Revelation 7:9-17	The Lamb will be their shepherd
Saturday	Psalm 95	We are the sheep of God's hand
Sunday	John 15:1-8	Christ, the vine



**talk** about how the Bible passage relates to your highs and lows or discuss some of the ideas in FOURKEYS Devotional Practices.



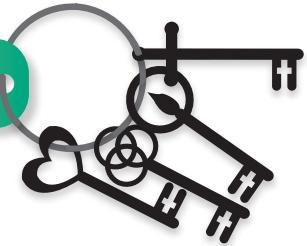
**pray** for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.



**bless** one another using this week's blessing or make up your own.

# FOUR KEYS

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## 1. Faith Talk

Discuss in your household or small group:

- In your life, whom do you trust? Whom do you listen to? Why?
- Jesus calls himself our "good shepherd". What does a shepherd do? How can we know that Jesus is a good shepherd?
- How do we listen to Jesus' voice? How can we grow to know him better?



## 2. Devotional Practices

In your home devotion time this week, play a game of Follow the Leader. Blindfold all the followers, and have the leader guide them using only his or her voice. Read John 10:11-18 and talk about what it means to listen to Jesus' voice and to follow him as sheep of the Good Shepherd.



## 3. Service

1 John 3:17 says: "If we have all we need and see one of our own people in need, we must have pity on that person, or else we cannot say we love God." Is there someone in your church family who is in particular need at this time? Offer your help and support to them and pray for them.



## 4. Rituals and Traditions

Make reading of Psalm 23 part of your household bedtime rituals this week. Parents, read it to and with your children as you settle them to bed. Make it your goal to memorise the Psalm with them.



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