



**April 21, 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**John 10:11-18**

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Good Shepherd, you know each of us intimately, and care for us in all our unique needs. You lead us gently in the way that is best. Teach us always to trust and follow you, that we might love others in the way you have first loved us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

In this passage, Jesus uses imagery of a shepherd and flock to illustrate his mission in the world—to explain, in the most relatable way he can, just how deeply devoted and committed he is to loving God's people.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Who cares for you? Who relies on you for care?
- Is power good or bad? Why do you think so?
- For the littles: Who is braver: the shepherd or the sheep? Which are you?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God help you use your power for good. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Visit a petting zoo. The baby animals are probably being born right now. Observe the baby sheep and discover what qualities of a sheep mirror qualities of Jesus' children? (Us!)



**Go Deeper:** Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 95; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday, Psalm 95; 1 Chronicles 11:1-9; Revelation 7:13-17

Wednesday, Psalm 95; Micah 7:8-20; Mark 14:26-31

Thursday, Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:1-7; Acts 8:1b-8

Friday, Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:11-13; Acts 8:9-25

Saturday, Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 9:7-15; Mark 4:30-32