

MESSY CHURCH TAKE HOME SHEET FOR GROWN  
UPS!  
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We have been thinking about the Jesus calling himself the Good Shepherd. You can find this in John's Gospel chapter 10, especially at verse 11, but it is worth reading from verse 1-18.



The Bible is full of stories about sheep. Jesus himself told the story of the lost sheep, to show how important is every person who turns from living their own way and gives their life to God. But what we are looking at today is Jesus as shepherd.



In the Middle East, still shepherds do not drive their flocks as we do here, with the help of dogs; instead they lead them and the sheep learn whom to follow. Jesus compares himself with other people who might expect to be followed, and tells us that he is the only one who really cares for the sheep and is able to keep them safe.



We live with lots of other voices calling us, distracting

voices, helpful voices, and harmful voices. Sometimes life is so loud that we have to listen very hard to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. Sometimes we have to stop and pause so that we can listen.

THE QUESTION WE MIGHT BE ASKING IS: WHICH VOICES ARE CALLING TO ME, AND WHICH VOICES AM I HEEDING? ARE THESE THE VOICES I WANT TO BE FOLLOWING? CAN THEY KEEP ME SAFE?

*When we are shepherded by Jesus, we know that whatever happens to us in life, we are never alone and we are ultimately safe.*

