

# Young Apprentices

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## MYSTAGOGY: JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Jesus,  
my shepherd and guide,  
help me to hear your voice  
and always follow you.

Jesus,  
my shepherd and guide,  
help me to guide others to you  
by what I say  
and by what I do.  
Amen.



### Sunday Word

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

**Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5-6**

**1 Peter 2:20b-25**

**John 10:1-10**

The above readings are available at  
[usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings).

### To Help You Remember



1. Peter called those who would listen to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.
2. Today's Responsorial Psalm is the well-known Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."
3. Jesus is the shepherd and the guardian of our souls.
4. Jesus says that he is the gate for the sheep. All who enter through him will be saved.

## With My Family



### Deepen

All throughout your journey in the RCIA, you have had many wonderful guides—family members, catechists, sponsors, deacons, priests, and others in the Church—who have helped you.

God works through other people, his instruments, to care for us and to lead us to Jesus, his Son and our Savior.

**With your family**, name those who have guided you on your journey of faith. Pray for them by name each day this week. Also think about others—classmates, coworkers, neighbors, and family members—for whom you might be a guide to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

### Meditate

Sheep recognize their own shepherd's voice. They will not respond to any other voices. Jesus is our Good Shepherd. His alone is the voice that guides us along the right path and leads us to peace and safety.

**With your family**, think about the many ways Jesus speaks to you. Talk about what helps you to listen to and to hear his voice. Then talk about what makes it hard to listen to and to hear his voice. Make the sign of the cross over each family member's ears, praying, "**Lord, open our ears to hear your voice.**"

### Share

Unless you live on a farm, you may not have contact with a lot of animals, especially sheep. You may not have seen for yourself just how important a shepherd is to the sheep.

You might, however, know about GPS devices. Most new cars and smartphones come with GPS. GPS tells or shows us the way to get to where we want to go. It helps us keep from getting lost. This is what shepherds do for the sheep. This is what Jesus, through the Church, does for us. He leads us on the right path, and guides us to our heavenly home.

**With your family**, have some fun. Create a list of GPS-style directions for getting from your home on Earth to your heavenly home.

### Do

Show your appreciation to those who guided you on the OCIA journey.

**With your family**, decide on a way to thank each person. Bake cookies, write thank-you notes or make thank-you cards, or give a small homemade gift that will let them know they have made a difference in your journey of faith.