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CATECHUMENATE SESSION: GOOD SHEPHERDS

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Good Shepherd,
help me to always hear your voice
and to follow where you lead me.

Bless all those who shepherd me
today
by teaching me your Word
and by showing me how to be
more like you.

Amen.



Sunday Word

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John 10:27-30

The above readings are available at
usccb.org/bible/readings.

To Help You Remember



1. Some Jews followed Paul and Barnabas and were open to their teachings, but other Jews were jealous at the success of their ministry. Paul and Barnabas took their message to the Gentiles, who were open to the word of the Lord.
2. John's vision included people of every nation, race, and tongue standing before the Lamb, who will shepherd them and lead them to life-giving water.
3. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows us, protects us, and leads us to eternal life.

Thank a Good Shepherd

Thank your good shepherds this week! Write them a thank you card, call them, or just say thank you! Make a list of whom you will thank and how you will thank them.



Be a Good Shepherd

Think about those you can shepherd by doing and saying what Jesus would do and say. Make a list of the ways you are a good shepherd this week.



With My Family



We Listen

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are the sheep. The sheep hear the shepherd's voice and follow it. We hear Jesus' voice when we listen to the Gospel and when we listen to others, like our priests and religion teachers, who speak on Jesus' behalf. What have you heard the shepherd say to you?

We Believe

The pope is the pastor, or the head shepherd, of the Catholic Church. Bishops and priests are also pastors and shepherds. Do you know the name of our pope? Of your bishop?

We Live As Disciples

Through Baptism, we share in Jesus' role as a shepherd who cares for others. Who is Jesus inviting you to care for today? This week?

We Pray

The fourth Sunday of Easter is often referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. Imagine that the Good Shepherd has called everyone in your family to come to dinner. Once you all have gathered, ask each member to think of one way the Good Shepherd can help her or him this week. Then pray together this prayer:

Good Shepherd, you care for each one of us. We ask that this week, you guard us and help us to (invite family members to say their petitions).

Conclude by praying together the Sign of the Cross.