

# St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Junior Church Activity Sheet

## 20th June 2021 Trinity 3



Here is something to pass the time at home if you can't make it to church on Sunday – a story and some activities.

### Jesus as our shepherd

The people of Israel when Jesus was alive were used to the idea that God might be their shepherd and they were the sheep in his care.

One of the loveliest of their psalms – their songs which were like our hymns – talked about God as their shepherd:

The Lord is my shepherd.

I have everything I need.

He gives me rest in green pastures.

He leads me to calm water.

He gives me new strength.

For the good of his name,

he leads me on paths that are right.

Even if I walk

through a very dark valley,

I will not be afraid

because you are with me.

Your rod and your shepherd's staff comfort me.

You prepare a meal for me

in front of my enemies.

You pour oil of blessing on my head,

You give me more than I can hold.

Surely your goodness and love will be with me

all my life.

And I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

Jesus talked about himself as the good shepherd, who would look after his sheep. He would know all of his sheep by name, and they would recognise the sound of his voice and know who he was.

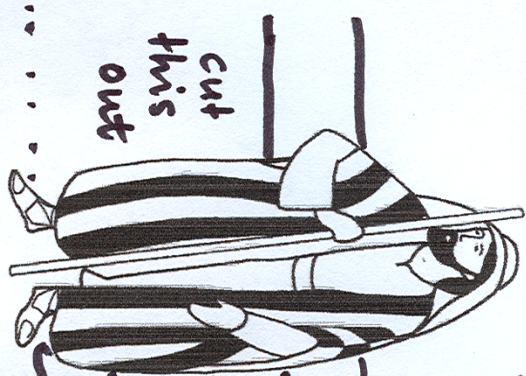
In those days sheep didn't just live out on the hills; most households would have had a few sheep and goats who lived with them and would be in the streets of the town during the day. You can still see this in places in Africa. So sheep were very precious and part of the family.

**Think about** what it would feel like to be a sheep in Jesus' care and how he would look after you.

**Listen to:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0>

### Things to do:

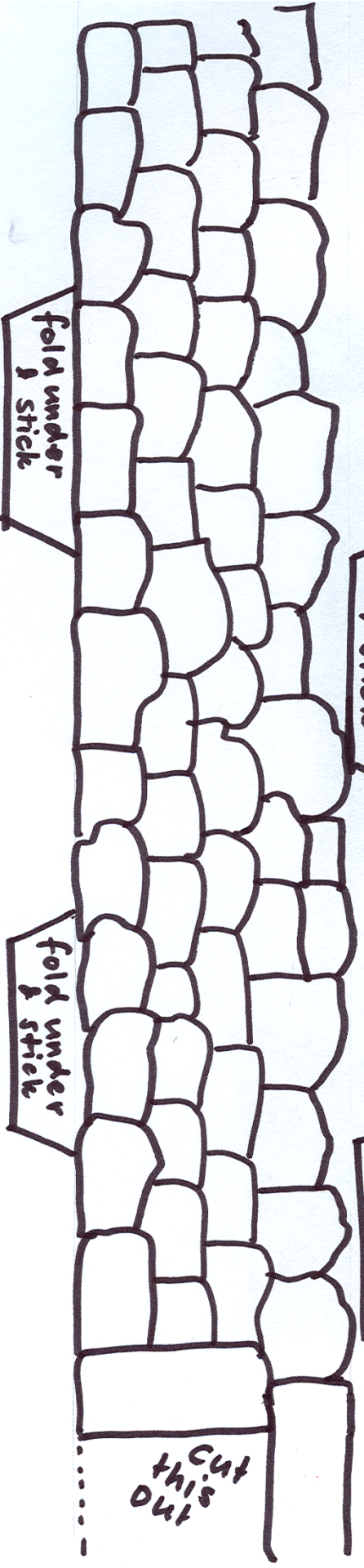
Make a sheepfold with sheep.



fold under & stick

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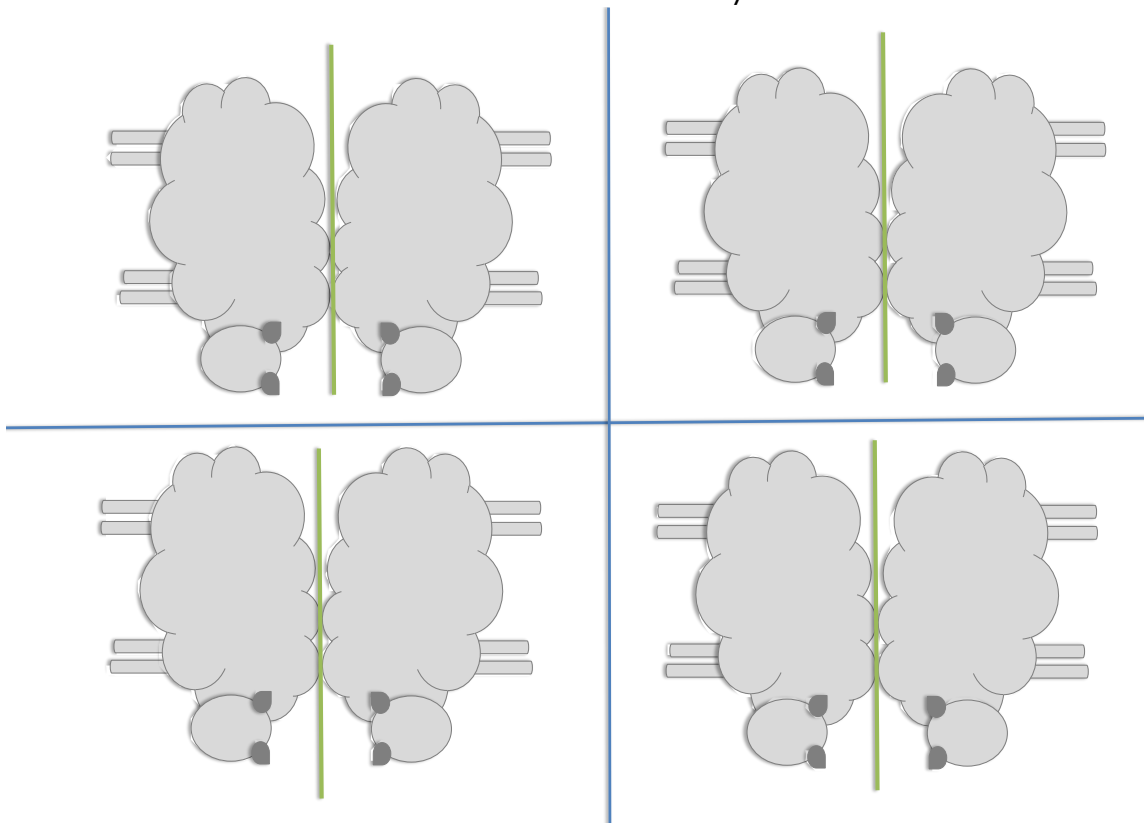
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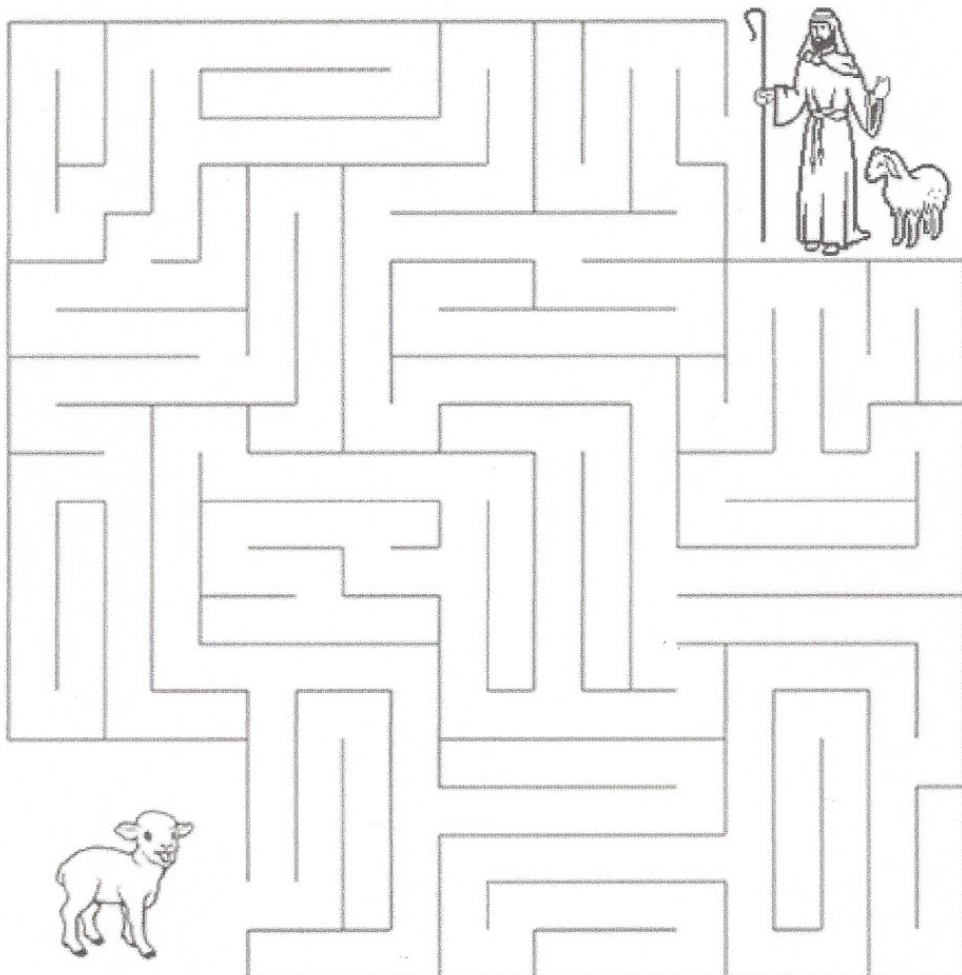


The sheep will stand up if you fold them along the green lines. You can stick cotton wool on them to make them fluffy



**And here are two puzzles for you**

Help the shepherd to find the lost lamb



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 CROOK  
 FIND  
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 GREEN  
 JESUS  
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