

## Orton C of E Primary School Worship Sheet.

### Children's Sheet 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Endurance.

*'May God, who gives endurance and encouragement, enable you to have the same point of view among yourselves by following the example of Christ Jesus, so that all of you together may praise with one voice the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.'* (Romans 15 v 5-6 – GNB)



**Prayer** – We thank You, Lord Jesus, that we can meet with You here at home and that You meet with our friends, too. **Amen.**

### Jesus the Good Shepherd



Jesus is talking to the crowd as he often did in parables – a story with a special meaning.

Across the road from my house is a field full of sheep – ewes and lambs – they made their appearance around Easter time – resting and gently eating the lush grass. Now, the lambs are growing and exploring the field – following their mums and occasionally skipping off to play with other lambs. They are peaceful because the shepherd has been there for them!

Lambing is a hard for the shepherd and their 'endurance' is tested – working day and night – to ensure the lambs are born safely, keeping sheep well; pairing off – pet lambs. All part of non-stop life of a shepherd.

So, when Jesus talks to people about being a 'good shepherd', He says this:- *'The man who enters by the gate is the Shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought all his own, he goes ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.'*



**Prayer** – Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd and You care for us and want to be our friend. We are sorry that we don't always stop and say 'thank you' for Your love and care. Help us to remember that You are always with us. **Amen**

Jesus told another special story about a sheep that got lost and about how upset and worried the shepherd was. So the shepherd went to find that sheep – and wouldn't stop until he had found it and brought it home.



**I lost my sheep** – clip - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SSyHow\\_RK7A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SSyHow_RK7A)

At the end, the shepherd was so happy because after all his searching he had found the sheep. Jesus seeks for all of us because He loves us and is always there for us – though we may not always recognize it.



**Prayer** – Jesus, thank You for taking care of me, my family and my friends. You are always there for us all. **Amen**



### **Activity Sheet**

- <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/20600/03-may-2020-childrens-sheet.pdf>

## The Good Shepherd's love for us.

In the story of the Good Shepherd, Jesus says, 'I will die for My sheep because I love them'. On the first Good Friday, Jesus did die, keeping His promise to give everything – even His life for us; then on Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead to new life. He met with His friends, the disciples, and they saw that He really was alive – and they were so happy! Jesus is the Good Shepherd for us all – and He longs for a living, loving relationship with each one of us.



**Sing** –The Lord's My Shepherd - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-elQQayhpak>



### Prayers for other people

Pray for local shepherds and their flocks – thank you for the spring and lambing time, the fresh flowers, leaves on trees and birds – all signs of new life.

Pray for all those who are ill and for all who look after them. Thank You, Jesus, for being there with them.

Pray for yourself and your family during this difficult time, that we may learn how to live in a new way and be patient with each other! Thank you for our families and we pray for all our friends at school, the teachers and all the helpers. **Amen**



**Wonder Question** - I wonder how Jesus is the Good Shepherd for everyone in the world?

**Have a wonderful week; I hope to see you at school sometime in the future. God bless to Mrs Pomfret and all of the staff at Orton C of E Primary School.**

**Rev Stephen Radford.**

**Lamb National – to watch** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PnMLnF07bw>

From Andrew Brown at Gt. Asby.

**Family time sheet** -

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/20883/03-may-2020-family-time-sheet.pdf>

**Colouring Sheet** -

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/20482/03-may-2019-colouring-sheet.pdf>