



*Nurturing Faith . . .  
Every Day in Every Way*

April 25, 2021

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

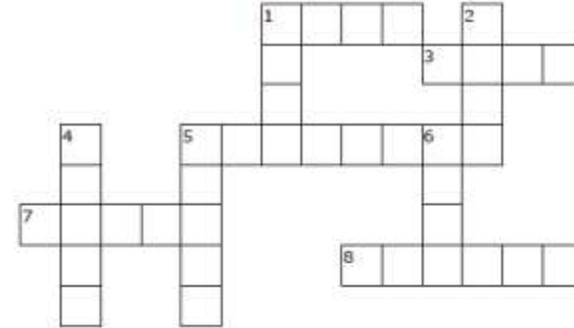
John 10:11-18

Good morning friends! Did you know that even before you were born, you knew your mother's voice? When you were in your mother's womb, you could see light and hear sounds! After babies are born, they turn their heads to the sound of their mother's voice because it's so familiar to them.

In our Gospel lesson from John today, we hear about sheep and a shepherd. The sheep follow the shepherd because they know his voice. The shepherd's job is to keep the sheep safe from thieves and those who want to do them harm. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and we are the sheep of his flock. When we follow Jesus' voice, one that is familiar to us, we walk in a way that is safe and sure to bring us abundant (a lot of wonderful) life.

**Prayer:** Loving God, you sent your son Jesus to be our Good Shepherd and he will always lead us in the right direction. Help us to follow Jesus' voice and to share your love with the whole world. Amen.

*Crossword Puzzle*



**ACROSS**

1. The period from birth to death
3. A wild animal that look like a dog and hunts in a pack
5. One who takes care of the sheep
7. What we use to speak
8. To hear or pay attention to something

**DOWN**

1. A strong feeling of affection
2. The opposite of bad
4. A group of sheep herded together
5. Wooly animals which are similar to goats
6. Goes faster than walking

SHEPHERD	GOOD	LIFE	SHEEP	WOLF
FLOCK	RUNS	VOICE	LISTEN	LOVE

**Activity:** Have the children close their eyes and play a recording of a familiar voice from YouTube (their favorite movie/tv characters) and see if they can recognize the voices.

**Discussion Question:** There are many voices in the world but not all of the voices are worth listening to and following as not everyone has our best interest at heart. What are the voices that you should be listening to and following and why?

**Table prayer for May:** God, help my light to shine as bright as the noonday sun. To walk in your ways, to bring others hope, and share your love with everyone. Amen.

**Memory verse for May:** Proverbs 4:23- Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

