

# The Sheep and the Shepherd

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about His sheep. Do you know who His sheep are? We are His sheep! He loves us and protects us just like a shepherd cares for his sheep. And what do the sheep do in return? They listen to His voice and follow Him.

We also hear about Jesus being called the "Lamb of God." When He became man, He was like one of the sheep in God's sheepfold. But He was not the same as all the rest of us. He never did any sins Himself, but he died for us on the cross to save us from our sins. That is why at every Mass we say, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us."

Now that Jesus is not visibly here on earth, He has left us another shepherd to care for His flock. Do you know who that is? It's the pope! God gives him grace to guide and protect the Church. Can you say a Hail Mary for Pope Francis today?



Answer to Word Puzzle: GOOD SHEPHERD

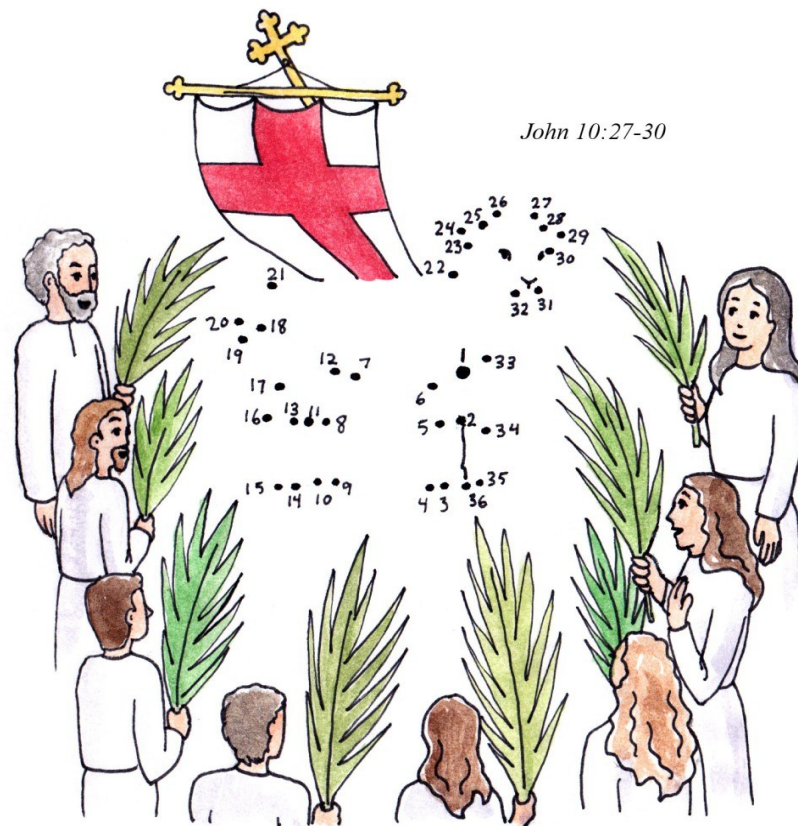
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*In today's second reading Saint John saw a great multitude gathered around someone. Connect the dots to find out who it was.*

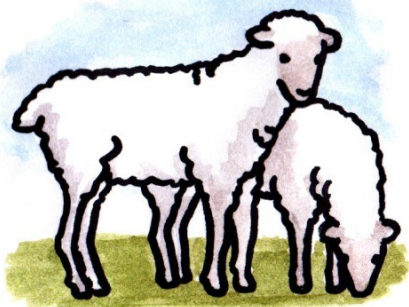
# Jesus' Sheep Word Puzzle

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks.

Use the numbered letters to fill in the blanks at the very end.

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> *John 10:27-30*  
 "My sheep hear my voice;  
 I \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> them  
 and they \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup>  
 I give them eternal life;  
 and they shall never \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 and no one can take them out of my \_\_\_\_\_<sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 My Father, who has \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup> them to me,  
 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> than all,  
 and no one can take \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 out of the Father's hand.  
 The \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup> and I \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup> one."

<i>FOLLOW</i>	<i>ME</i>	<i>FATHER</i>
<i>GIVEN</i>	<i>SAID</i>	<i>KNOW</i>
<i>PERISH</i>	<i>IS</i>	<i>HAND</i>
<i>GREATER</i>	<i>THEM</i>	<i>ARE</i>

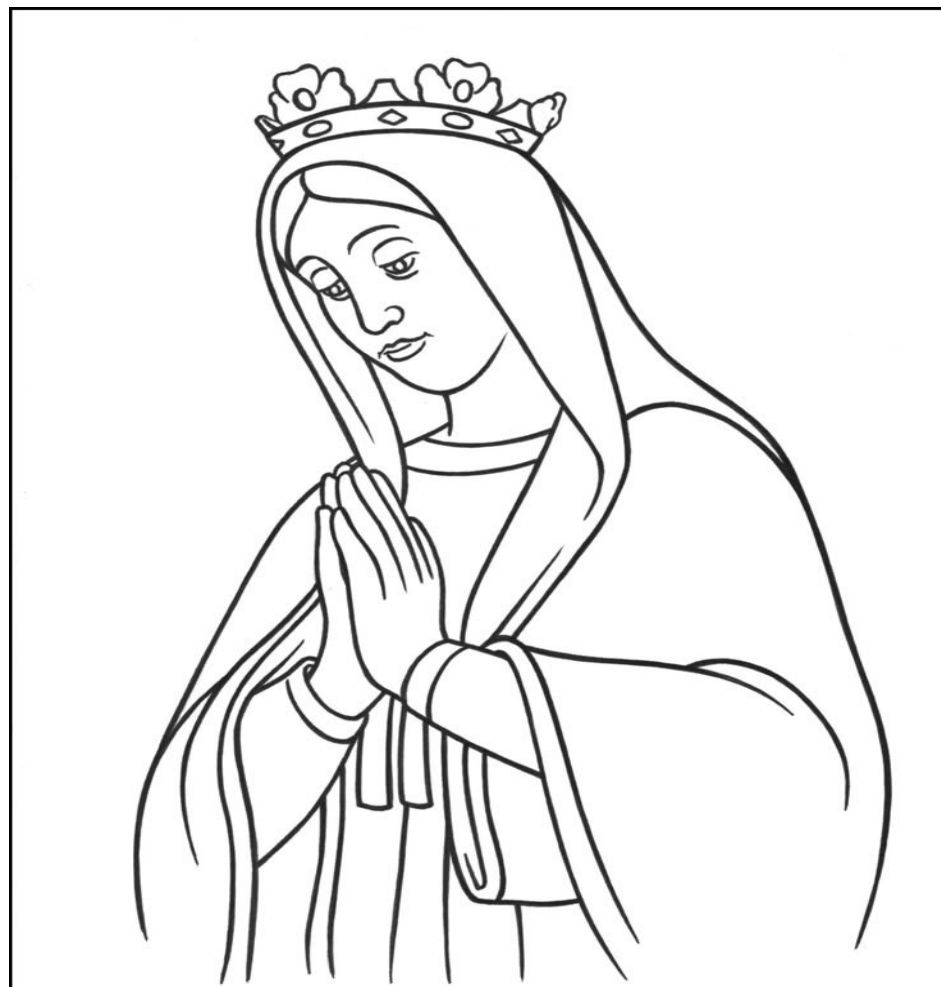


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 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Did you know that the month of May is the month in the year when we really remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother too? Can you colour in the picture of Mary? Do you know a special prayer that you can say to ask Mary to help you?



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