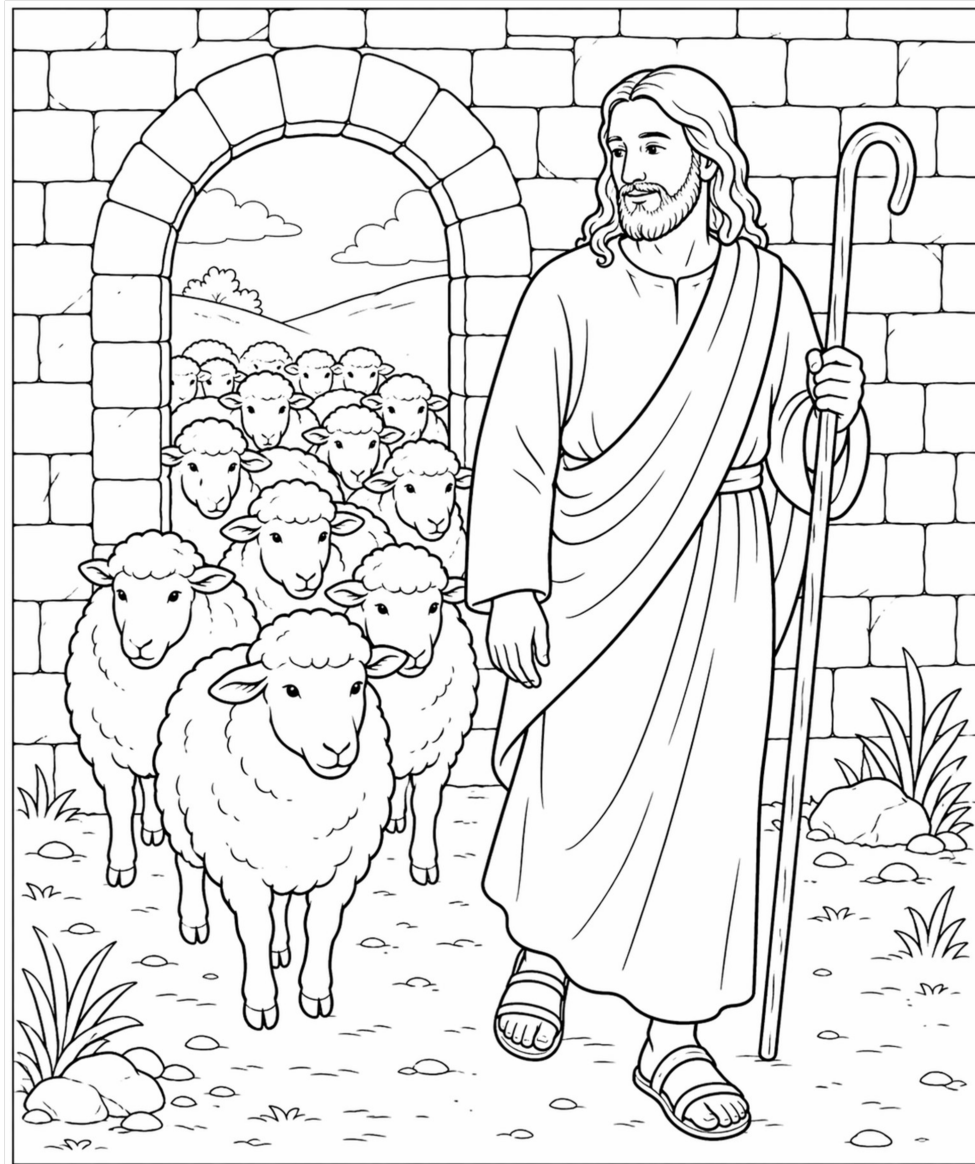




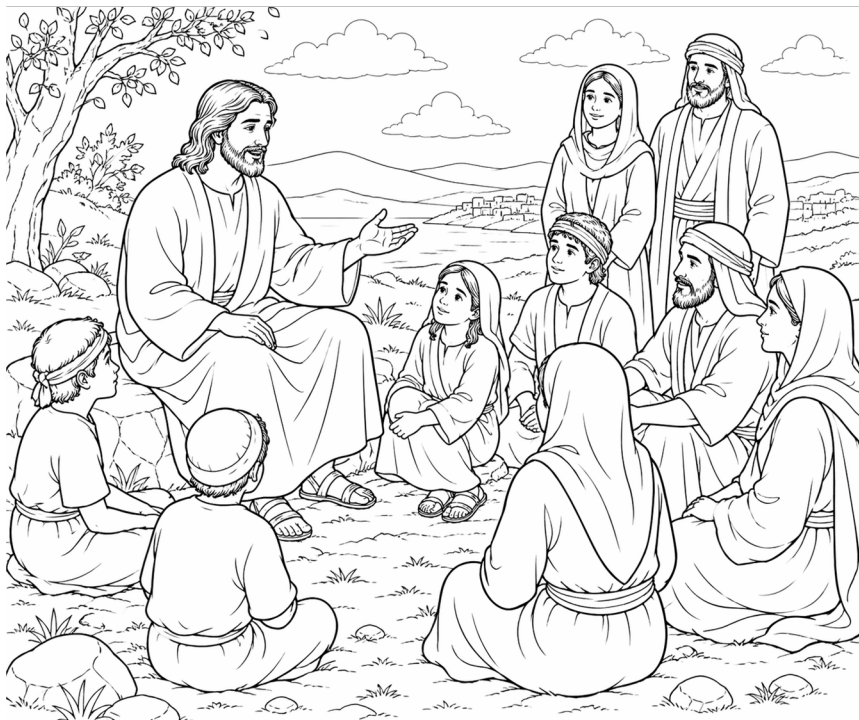
Sunday the 26th of April, Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish **Children's Bulletin**

# He calls you by name



Jesus talks about Himself as a Shepherd, calling His flock to follow Him. He talks about how they know His voice and follow Him. Being a shepherd in the time of Jesus was different from what happens now in most parts of the world. Back then, a shepherd had a smaller flock. He knew each one of them and they recognised him. This was important because there could be lots of shepherds with their flocks grazing on the same ground and sleeping together in a shelter at night. The shelter had no door. With all the sheep in the shelter, the shepherd would sleep across the doorway so that they could not get out and predators and thieves could not get in. In the morning each shepherd would call his sheep and they would split from the other sheep and follow him out of the night shelter out into the fields.



## Jesus isn't talking about sheep

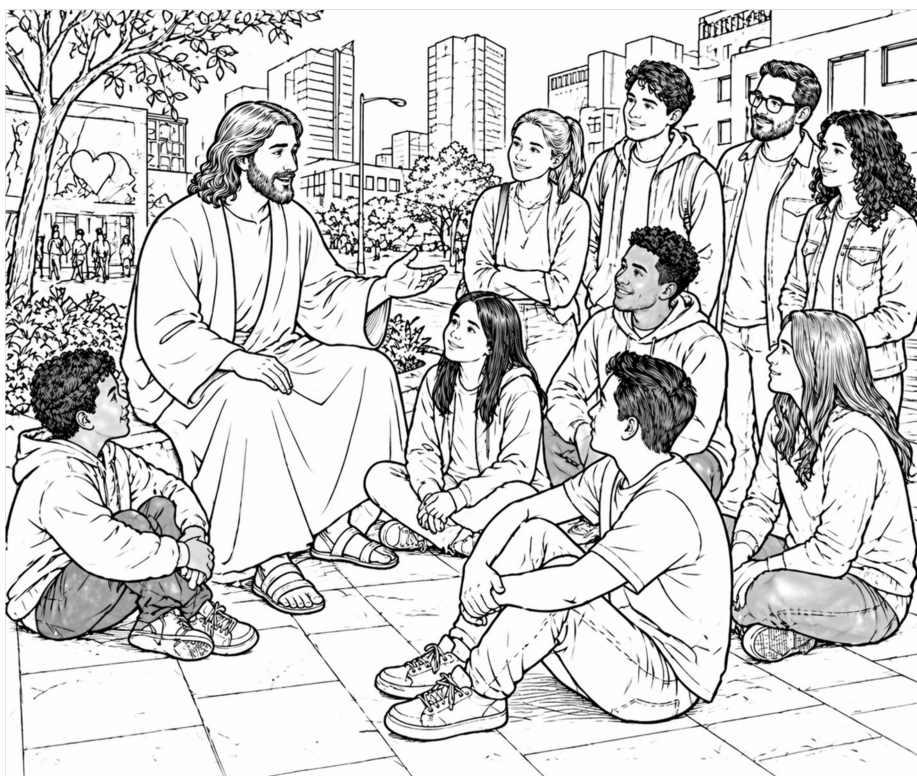
Jesus is the good shepherd and we are like His sheep. Just like the shepherd calls his sheep by name, Jesus knows each of us personally, and cares for us. He wants us to listen to Him and follow Him.

The shepherd used to lie across the open doorway to keep the sheep safe. Jesus says "I am the gate." He is telling us that through Him we can find love, safety and everlasting life with God.

Jesus is a loving shepherd who knows you, calls you and leads you to a good and joyful life.

## Jesus calls you by name, are you following Him?

How are you following Jesus? .



## A prayer for the week

Dear Jesus,  
You are our Good Shepherd who knows us and calls us by name.  
Help us to listen for your voice and to follow you each day.  
When we feel lost or unsure, guide us back to you.  
Keep us safe in your care and fill our hearts with your love.  
Help us to trust you always,  
because you came so we may have life, and have it to the full.  
Amen.

