

# Jesus, My Shepherd

Key Words: **Sacrifice**

Key Verse: "The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep." *John 10:3*

When Jesus was growing up, there were shepherds all around where he lived. Those shepherds walked ahead of their sheep, leading them. This is quite different from the shepherds we think of who follow the sheep.

Jesus tells us he is the "Good Shepherd." He means that he is the leader, and we are supposed to follow him. He knows that it is our choice to decide whether we follow closely, or far behind, but we know he is always there to guide us.

He tells us, too, that he cares for us, and that if we should "get lost" he will do all that he can to rescue us, if we choose to be rescued. There will always be some people who choose not to follow, who choose to "go astray" not wishing to be found, and Jesus lets them make that choice, even when it makes him sad.

Jesus also tells us that he is the "gate" of the sheepfold. When he was growing up, there were no fences or gates around the sheep. The shepherd acted like a gate keeping away the thieves and robbers, and any wild beasts hoping to attack the sheep.

Jesus is our gate. He is our protector. If we believe in him, and love him with all of our hearts, our souls, and our being, he will protect us. He will help us deal with harmful attackers. He will protect our hearts and souls.

Jesus, I love you  
Here I wait  
Protected daily  
By you, as my gate.  
Jesus, my shepherd  
I choose to follow you  
Asking your lead  
In all that I do. Amen.

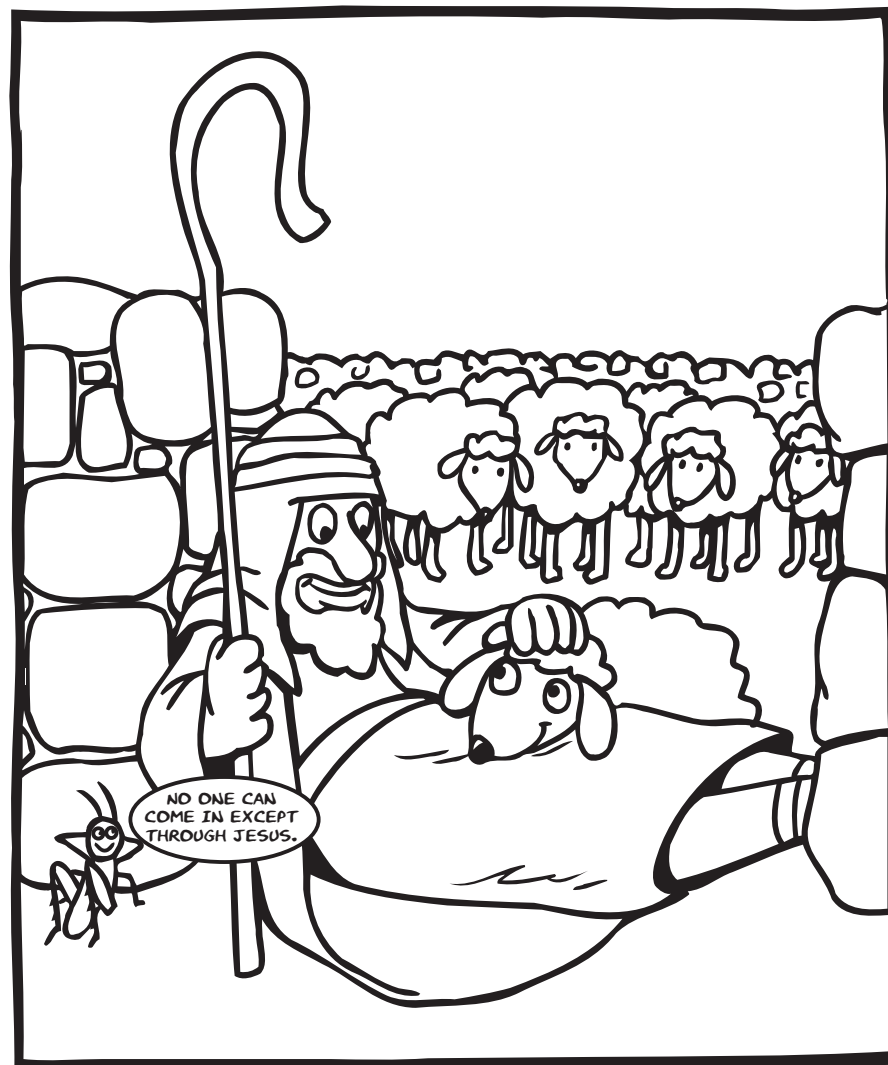
## Questions

**What can we do to be better followers of our Shepherd?**

**What does Jesus mean when he says he is the gatekeeper?**

# Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story  
is from  
**John 10:1-10**



Twisted Word Search  
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Whoever enters by me will be saved


Secret Phrase:

STRANGERS  
SHEPHERD  
BANDITS  
KNOW  
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LEADS  
LIFE  
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Word Scramble

## Answers

## Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words and write the letters in the boxes.  
Take the letters that appear in  boxes and unscramble them for the final message.

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## Twisted Word Search

Find each of the words in the verse in the puzzle. If a word appears more than once, you must find it more than once. Remember, words in a twisted word search **DO NOT** always go in a straight line! One word has been done for you.

John 10:7

“I AM THE GATE FOR THE SHEEP.”

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## Square O Dots

Play this fun game with a friend. Each of you takes turns connecting two dots together. When your line completes a square, you win that square. When you win a square, either write your initial in it or color it your color. Then you get another turn! The one with the most squares wins!

