

Young Apprentices

A RESOURCE FOR THE RCIA

MYSTAGOGY: JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Jesus,
my shepherd and guide,
help me to hear your voice
and always follow you.

Jesus,
my shepherd and guide,
help me to guide others to you
by what I say
and by what I do.
Amen.



Sunday Word

Acts 4:8-12

Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

The above readings are available at
usccb.org/bible/readings.

To Help You Remember



1. There is no salvation through anyone else but Jesus.
2. God is good. His mercy endures forever.
3. We are God's children now. What we shall be has not yet been revealed.
4. Jesus is the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

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With My Family

Deepen

The RCIA journey is a journey that has led you to the Sacrament of Baptism, through which you became a child of God. How have you seen or felt God the Father’s love for you? How can you show your love for God the Father?

With your family, talk about what it means to be a child of God. Think about ways to show others you are a child of God through your actions and through your words. Write your ideas below.

Our Ideas

Meditate

Sheep recognize their own shepherd’s voice. They will not respond to any other voices. Jesus is our Good Shepherd. His alone is the voice that guides us along the right path and leads us to peace and safety.

With your family, think about the many ways Jesus speaks to you. Talk about what helps you to listen to and to hear his voice. Then talk about what makes it hard to listen to and to hear his voice. Make a sign of the cross over each family member’s ears, praying, **“Lord, open our ears to hear your voice.”**

Share

Unless you live on a farm, you may not have contact with a lot of animals, especially sheep. You may not have seen for yourself just how important a shepherd is to the sheep.

You might, however, know about GPS devices. GPS tells us or shows us the way to get to where we want to go. It helps keep us from getting lost. This is what shepherds do for the sheep. This is what Jesus, through the Church, does for us. He leads us on the right path and guides us to our heavenly home.

With your family, have some fun. Create a list of GPS-style directions for getting from your home on earth to your heavenly home.



Do!

Show your appreciation to those who guided you on the RCIA journey.

With your family, decide on a way to thank each person. Bake cookies, write thank-you notes or make thank-you cards, or give a small homemade gift that will let them know they have made a difference in your journey of faith.



Pray

Continue praying as a family the prayer on the front of this page. Keep this prayer for times when you need more faith—times when you are tempted to give in to doubt.