

# The Pass-the-Plate Devos

"Families passing on the faith as they pass their plates at the family table during the fourth week of Easter"

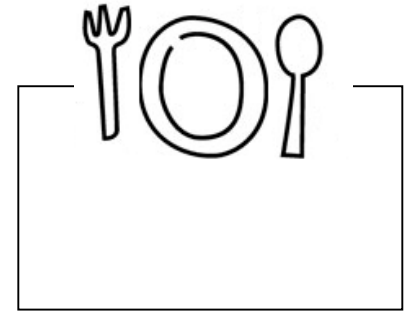
John 10:11-18

<sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.

<sup>13</sup>The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

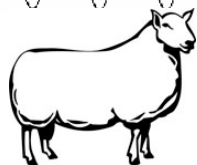
*The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to GOD!*



1. What does Jesus call himself?
2. Why is the hired hand not like the Good Shepherd?
3. What does Jesus do that makes Him the Good Shepherd?
4. What will Jesus do with all his sheep – even ones from different pens?
5. What do you think Jesus' voice sounds like?



## FAMILY CHALLENGE



For the next couple of weeks, love is common theme in the Gospel text. The image of the Good Shepherd is a picture of what it means to love another. This week, write down the name of every member of your family on a slip of paper. Fold those papers in half and mix them up. Then, have each member of the family draw a name. Give everyone the task of showing that person love in an outrageous and faithful way this week.

