

## Activities based on John 10:1-18 from Scripture Union's "Bubbles"

### Role play the story of the Good Shepherd

- Create an obstacle course in your home e.g. with tables to crawl under, chairs or cushions to climb over, and pieces of fabric to leap across
- Take it in turns with your child to be the shepherd and the sheep
- You might need to explain what a shepherd is
- The shepherd must lead or direct the sheep round the obstacle course
- How does it feel to be looking after the sheep? Jesus is like the shepherd.
- How does it feel to be looked after by the shepherd? We are like the sheep.
- How is the Good Shepherd different from a stranger or robber? (Verses 1-10)
- How is the Good Shepherd different from a hired helper? (Verses 11-18)

### An activity to do - make a sheep pen of sheep

- Use one or both of the templates to make some sheep
- You might like to colour them in or add cotton wool and clip on clothes peg legs
- Now make a pen for your sheep using bricks, sticks, books or whatever you have
- Put the sheep in the pen. You could give each one a name.
- Use a doll or teddy to be the Good Shepherd (Jesus) lying down like a gate for the sheep pen to protect the sheep
- The shepherd could call each sheep by name, lead them to good pastures and quiet waters (see Psalm 23), steer them away from dangerous cliffs and prickly bushes, and chase away wolves and robbers, before lying down like a gate to protect the sheep. Act out all of this.
- Jesus protects and cares for us like this.
- Pray, asking Jesus to protect you and keep you all safe.

### A song to the tune of Little Bo Peep © Scripture Union

Jesus the shepherd will guide his sheep,  
And lead them to all the safe places.  
He loves one and all, the big and the small,  
He knows all their names and their faces.

Jesus the shepherd takes care of his sheep,  
And leads them away from all danger.  
The sheep know his voice, they hear and rejoice,  
Because he's their friend, not a stranger.