

***Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way***



April 10, 2016

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19



Love in Any Language. Object: No object is needed.

It is pretty easy to say, "I love you," but it is sometimes a lot harder to show it by our actions. That is what our Bible story is about today.

After Jesus was raised from the dead, he appeared to his disciples several times. On the third time that Jesus appeared to his disciples, he was with them on the shore by the Sea of Galilee. He turned to Peter and said, "Peter, do you love me?"

Peter answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Then, Jesus said to Peter, "Feed my lambs."

Jesus asked Peter again, "Do you love me?"

Again, Peter answered, "Yes Lord, I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep."

A third time Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?"

Now Peter was very sad that Jesus asked him this question again, but he answered Jesus again, "Lord, you know all things, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

Why did Jesus ask Peter the same question three times? I think he wanted Peter to understand -- and he wanted you and me to understand -- that it isn't enough just to say, "I love you." We must show our love for Jesus by showing our love for one another and caring for one another.

Do you love Jesus?

Then feed and take care of his sheep!

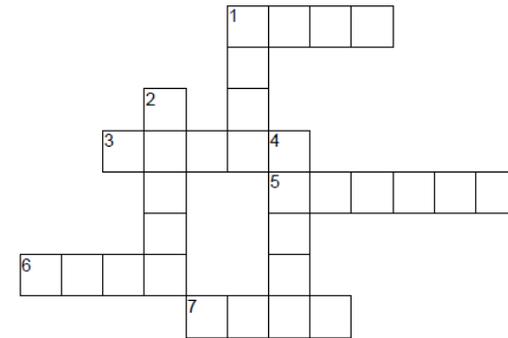
Dear Jesus, help us to show our love for you by loving and caring for one another.

Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures. Alleluia (Luke 24:32)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. A young sheep
3. Woolly animals similar to goats
5. Taking food into the body through the mouth
6. To give food to be eaten
7. The Almighty, Creator, God; the One we worship

DOWN

1. A deep, tender, feeling of affection toward another person
2. The person or thing following the first and second
4. A fisherman who was one of Jesus' disciples

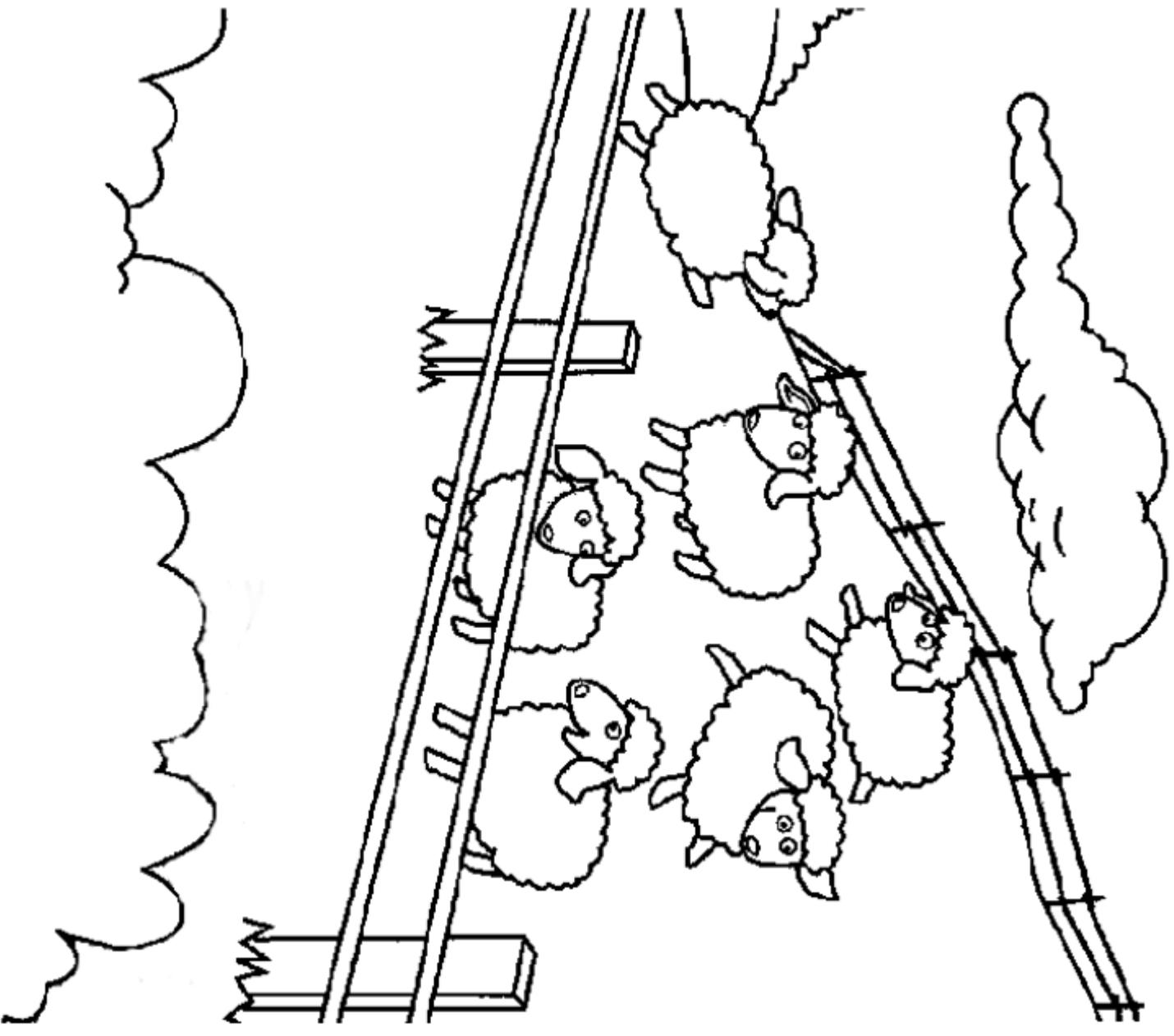
LAMB	FEED	EATING	THIRD
LORD	PETER	SHEEP	LOVE

HEART FLOWERS: Cut out hearts in various colors. Children will place the hearts on a piece of construction paper with the tip of the hearts all facing inward to create the shape of a flower with the hearts being the petals. They can also draw the stem and place a heart on each side of the stem to look like a leaf. The middle of the "heart flower" can have a round circle with I LOVE YOU. Children can color or decorate their "heart flower" while answering questions about the Bible Story.

HEART LACING: Have the children cut out 2 matching hearts from heavy card stock paper. Hole punch a few holes around the outside edges of the heart (about 1/4-1/2" apart) and lace with yarn or thick shoe strings. Stuff the top of the heart with a little tissue paper and lace shut. A thin dowel rod can be placed inside the bottom point of the heart for children to hold the heart up as a sign.



FEED MY SHEEP



John 20:15-17

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