

Crossword Puzzle

Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

May 12, 2019

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Needed: A photo of a dog (it helps to know the dog's name and owner!)

Maybe you know [dog's name here] who belongs to [dog's owner's name] Isn't s/he cute! I wish s/he could come into our sanctuary today to help me deliver this sermon! S/he would help us know right away the thing I want to teach you.

If you have ever seen a dog answer his owner's call, then you know already what Jesus was saying in the verses we read today. Dogs get to know the voice of the one who loves them and feeds them. [Your dog's name again here] loves [dog's owner] and if they call her, s/he will come running! Other people could say the dog's name, but s/he won't come to them in the same way. Why do you think that happens? [Allow for answers.] Dogs are very smart; they know who loves them, and they will want to be near that person. Jesus was talking about this very thing when he said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me."

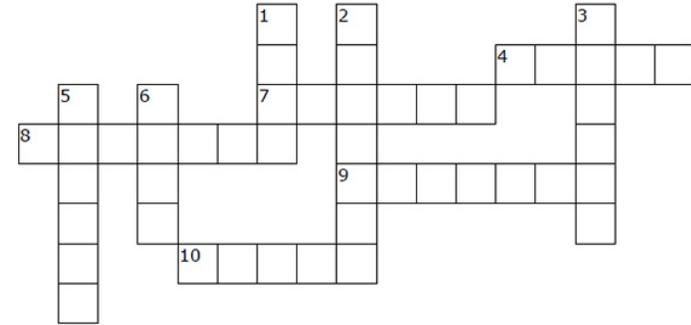
I bet you and I are already a lot like Jesus' sheep, or [dog's owner's name] dog Just like [dog owner's] dog, this smart pup knows his voice and will come right away, because s/he knows that [owner's name] loves her and wants to go to her right away.

What are some ways we can listen for Jesus' voice? (allow for answers). We can pray, we can sit still, we can listen with our hearts and show kindness and love to others. Let us pray.

Loving God, you sent your son Jesus to be our Good Shepherd to always lead us in the right direction. Help us to follow Jesus' voice and to share your love with the whole world. Amen.



MY SHEEP LISTEN TO MY VOICE



ACROSS

4. Woolly animal similar to goats
7. To move behind someone or something and go where they go
8. Something that cannot be explained by the laws of nature
9. Lasting forever, never ending
10. Sounds that come from the throat when people speak or sing

DOWN

1. The period between birth and death
2. To think that something is true
3. A building used for religious ceremonies or worship.
5. The season between autumn and spring
6. The body part used for holding things

ETERNAL	LIFE	MIRACLE	FOLLOW	WINTER
BELIEVE	HAND	VOICE	TEMPLE	SHEEP

Activity: Have the children close their eyes and play a recording of a familiar voice from YouTube (their favorite movie/tv characters) and see if they can recognize the voices.

Discussion Question: There are many voices in the world but not all of the voices are worth listening to and following as not everyone has our best interest at heart. What are the voices that you should be listening to and following and why?

Family Table Prayer for May:

Thank you, God, for the gift of bread
For cool water and a comfy bed
For all our needs that you take care
And for all of your children, everywhere. Amen.

May Memory Verse: Exodus 20:12 Honor your Mother and Father so that your days will be long in the land the LORD has given you.

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My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:27-28 (NIV)