

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 30th, 2023

# Faith @ Home

## Forth Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 23: 1-3a,3b,4,5,6  
**Second Reading:** 1Peter 2: 20b-25  
**Gospel:** John 10: 1-10

[Full readings can be found here!](#)  
[Listen to the readings here!](#)

## 1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find a Gospel reflection by Bishop O'Connell [HERE](#)

To watch a visual representation of the Gospel, click [HERE](#) (YouTube)

To watch a visual representation of the Gospel for children, click [HERE](#) (YouTube – Holy Heroes)

## 2. PRAY

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the Good Shepherd calls his own sheep and leads them out of the flock, and they recognize his voice. How many times have you been attentive to God's voice in your life?



Share with us how you are living out your faith at home. Use #LACatholicsBelieve and tag @LACatholics on social media.

As a family or individually, take a moment to listen and reflect with this song [HERE](#). (YouTube - Vineyard Worship UK & Ireland) When finished, invite your family to pray together:

Lord Jesus, you who know me and love me so much, teach me to recognize myself as a sheep of Your flock. Show me the way to fulfill Your Will. May You always be my shepherd, my guide, my Lord. May your mother always protect me. Don't turn away from me, Lord, forgive my mistakes and sins, and my lack of faith. Amen.

## 3. TALK

Jesus tells us: "I came so that you might have abundant life. Pick one of the following activities to do with your family. Each family may choose what they would like to do, or do both.

**For adults:** imagine one concrete way you can follow the voice of Jesus to lead a good and happy life. Please reflect on the questions below, and if desired, journal your answers and share with the rest of the family your thoughts.

- What does it mean to me when I hear that Jesus gives me life in abundance?
- What does it mean that "Jesus calls me by my name"? When do you hear Jesus pronounce your name?
- What does Jesus mean when he says "I am the Door"?

*(Parents: it would be wonderful if your children hear you tell them how you follow the voice of Jesus in your life. You can help facilitate the conversation with the children during this moment. Appropriate answers would include experiences around reading the Bible, or listening to the Scriptures during mass, etc. Allow for anyone who wants to share to do so.)*

**For children:** have them make one of the crafts offered in the handout that can be found [HERE](#). As they work on their craft, ask questions such as:

- Where can you hear the voice of Jesus?
- What is Jesus saying to you?
- Does Jesus know your name?
- What can you do to follow Jesus?

**Family challenge:** considering today's Gospel, this week I will be attentive to all the different voices that I hear and call me. I will be attentive to the different ways that Jesus calls me by name. I will give myself some time to talk with him and tell him "Thank you, Jesus."

