

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2018-2019
2nd Grade

4:00pm Welcome (Good Shepherd coloring page and *to ensure accuracy, class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese*)

4:05pm We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table
(use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season)
Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box

4:10pm Review previous lesson using one of the pages from the Activity Book.

4:20pm **Chapter #21 “The Good Shepherd”**

Jesus loves us and he died on the cross and rose to new life for us! Jesus’ message from the Father was one of love. Through his Death and Resurrection, Jesus rose so that all people could live in God’s love. The story of the Good Shepherd shows his ultimate love for us and when people heard this story their hearts were uplifted and they found hope. **The promise of Eternal Life enables Catholic Christians to be people of hope...we have faith in what Jesus did for us. As the Shepherd, Jesus guards us from sin and evil and calls us back to His love when we do sin!** By practicing virtue we become more like Jesus.

- *We Believe* -
Good Shepherd = a name for Jesus, because He takes care of us the way a shepherd cares for his sheep.
- *We Respond* – read the parable of “The Lost Sheep”
(send a copy home with each student) and then complete the Good Shepherd craft *(directions attached)*.

4:55pm Closing Prayer –

Psalm 23

“The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.
In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me;
He restores my soul. He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.
You set a table before me in front of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of the LORD for endless days.”

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

“What gives you hope”?

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

(Luke 15:1-7)

The people in charge of the government couldn't understand why Jesus spent time with sinners and people who collect taxes. They asked him why he would waste his time with those bad people. Jesus answered them with a parable.

A shepherd will leave his ninety-nine sheep alone in the desert to go looking for one lost sheep, Jesus said. "And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep.'"

It is the same when one of God's people is lost because of sin, Jesus said. Like a good shepherd, Jesus watches those who are safe in God's love but he goes out to bring back a lost sinner. When a sinner is saved, there is great joy in heaven.







