

# Our Prayer Place

FOCUS

1. Jesus wants us to pray often, at any time and in any place.
2. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who loves us.

*Luke 6:12 Jesus at Prayer*

*Now it was about this time that he went out into the hills to pray; and he spent the whole night in prayer to God.*

During lessons 1-4 your child had the opportunity to:

- Explore the concept of a Prayer Place.
- Identify the Cross as a Christian symbol.
- Make the Sign of the Cross.
- Acknowledge that we need quiet time to think about and talk to God.
- Identify the Bible as the Church's book.
- Acknowledge that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and retell the story.
- Understand that the Good Shepherd knows his sheep by name and will always search for the lost sheep.
- Reflect on experiences of being loved and protected.

The Good Shepherd loves and cares for all of his sheep very much. He will watch over them during the day and all through the night because he loves his sheep. The Good Shepherd will always keep them safe and away from danger. Although he has many sheep, the Good Shepherd knows each one, and they know him. The Good Shepherd knows each sheep by its name, and each sheep knows the Good Shepherd by his voice.

If one of his sheep was to get lost he would be very upset and he would go searching and calling out the name of the lost sheep. The Good Shepherd will keep looking until the lost sheep is found. Then he will return to the flock happy, knowing that each one is safe.

## SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

1. Pray together as a family.
2. Encourage your child to learn simple prayers e.g. grace before meals.
3. Read and discuss the Bible story about the Good Shepherd (below, left).
4. Encourage your child to complete the activity on the next page.



- Colour the picture of Jesus praying with the children.
- Draw yourself next to Jesus.

