

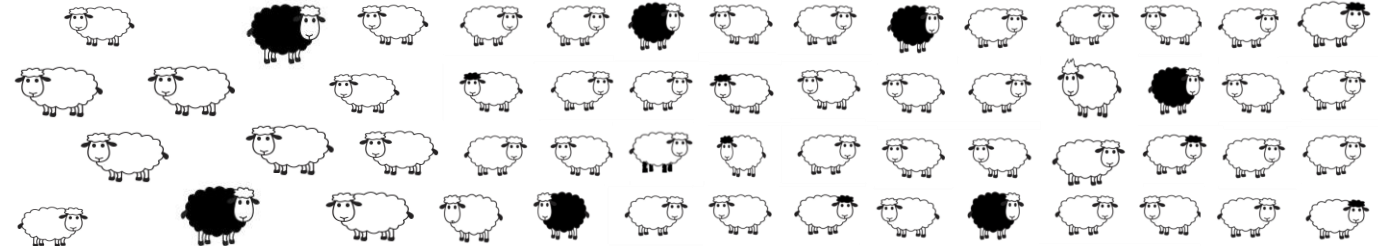
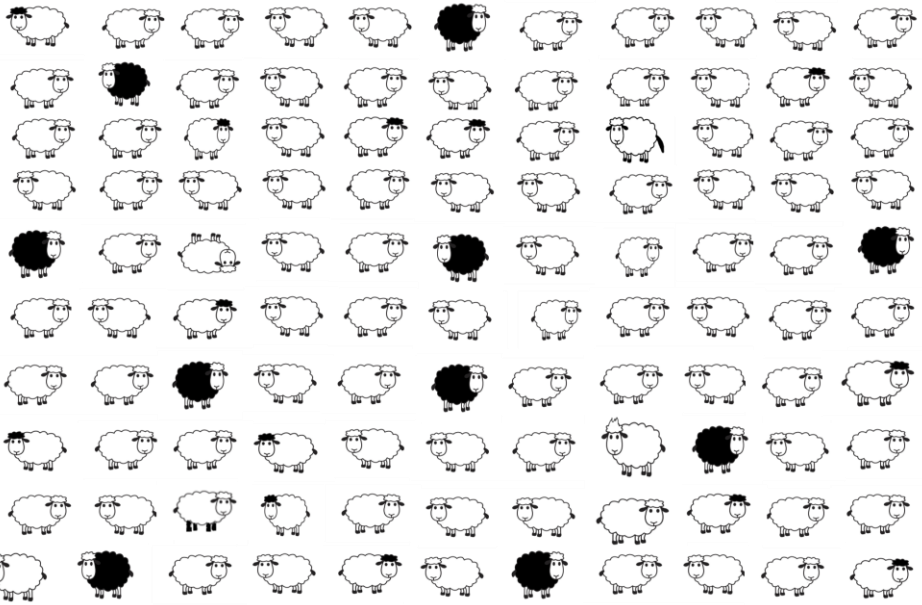
Sheep



Challenge

See how quickly you can find the following:

- 1 – A sheep with a long tail
- 2 – A sheep with spikey hair
- 3 – A sheep with black legs
- 4 – A sheep with no tail
- 5 – A sheep that is upside down



Do you know what someone who looks after sheep is called?
It's a shepherd. In the Bible God is also described as being like a shepherd. That might seem strange but Christians believe there are a few different ways in which God is like a shepherd.

Quiz

Which lamb belongs to which sheep? Draw a line to match them up

Answers are at the bottom of the 2nd page



Bible Verse

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.

He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honour to his name.

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.

You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

Craft

Make your own sheep

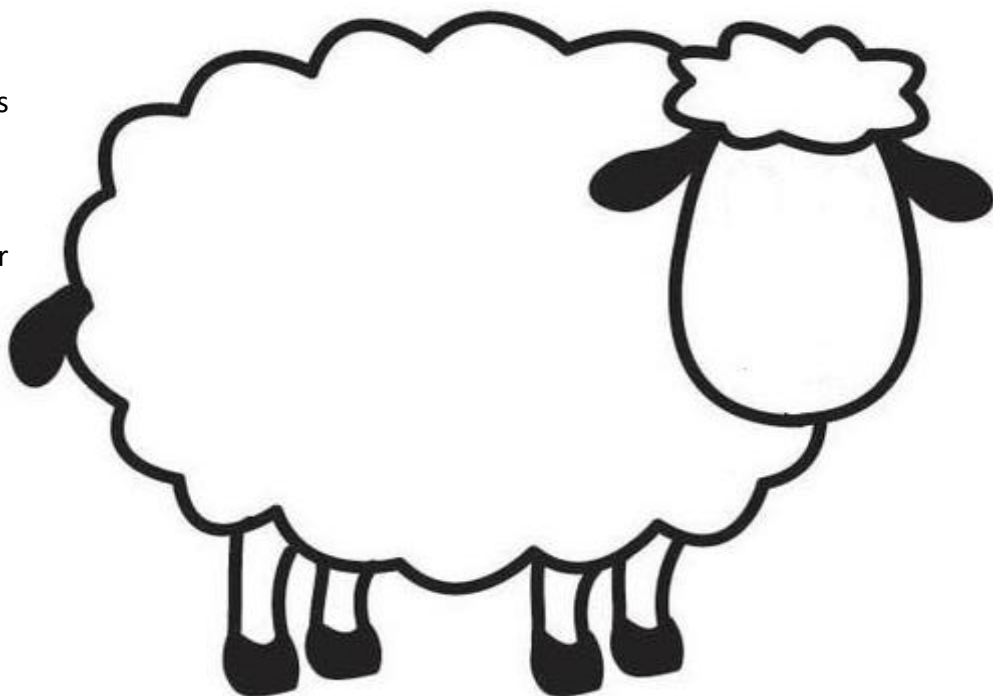
You will need: Paper/Card, Cotton wool or shredded bits of paper, glue

Step 1 – Either print out this sheep or draw your own

Step 2 – Cover the sheep's body with glue

Step 3 – Stick on either your cotton wool or shredded paper

Step 4 – Give your sheep a face



How well did you do in the quiz or challenge? Maybe you don't know much about sheep and found it really hard. If you were a shepherd, however, you would have found it easier as a shepherd really knows and can recognise their sheep.

There is more to being a shepherd than knowing your sheep though. A shepherd also looks after and cares for their sheep: making sure they always have food and water, giving them medicine when they need it and shearing their wool so they don't get too hot in summer.

The Bible tells us that, just like a shepherd, God knows you and me. He even knows things about us that we don't even know, like how many hairs we have on our head! How amazing is that?

I don't know if you noticed but the last line talks about David living with God forever? You might wonder how that is possible, well, God cares for us so much that he sent his son Jesus to die on the cross and rise again so we can be forgiven for all the bad things that we do and enjoy a friendship with him. That is amazing love!