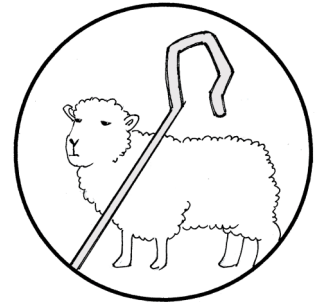


Lesson #4-L1***Following the Shepherd***

John 10:1-18

**Key Verse:**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
John 10:11

The Point:

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will lay down his life for us.

Unit Theme (February 14 - March 4):

Following Jesus

Ashes and Dust*You will need:*

- † Muslin or mural paper
- † Pencil or scissors
- † Ashes
- † Small dishes

Preparation:

1. Draw or cut out an outline of a cross on mural paper or muslin. This cross should be large enough to include the thumbprints of your worshippers. Multiple crosses may be made for larger congregations.
2. Place this cross, along with several dishes of ashes on a table in your worship space.

During worship:

1. **Today we begin a Lenten journey following Jesus to the cross.**
2. **The ashes on our foreheads invite us to reflect on our lives.**
3. **After you have received the ashes, come to this table. Point to the table. Place your thumb in a dish of ashes, feel its texture and reflect on the things that have drawn you away from following Jesus. Place your thumbprint on the cross as a sign of your confession.**
4. **After you have placed your thumbprint on the cross, you are invited to return to your seat and take some quiet time for self-reflection.**