Youth News

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY MAY 3, 2020

LEAD STORY HEADLINE:
A FULL AND HAPPY LIFE

"Show that you are sorry by changing your lives."
Acts 2:38
One day Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, the one who comes into the sheepfold through the gate is the shepherd. But anyone who tries to climb in some other way must be a thief or a robber. The sheep hear the shepherd’s voice when he calls each one by name. He leads them out and they follow him because they know his voice. The sheep will not follow the voice of a stranger but will run away. The thief comes only to steal and kill. But I came so that you will have life — a full and happy life.”

This is the Good News of the Lord.


**BY THE WAY…**

Have you ever seen a beehive before? How do you think a beehive and a church are similar? The church is kind of like a beehive where everyone is supposed to work together to make good things happen. Bees all work together to create the beehive and make it work, in the same way, all people in a church community have to work together to build the church up.


**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

1. Does your gate let people in or keep people out?

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2. Why do you think Jesus used the image of the gate to try and explain this story to us?

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3. What is Jesus calling us to do in our lives?

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“... I came so that you will have life — a full and happy life.” John 10:10

BRAINSTORM...

Why do you think Jesus used stories and parables like the one today to help people understand what he was teaching? What do you think he was trying to teach in today’s story? Do you think that parables help people to understand more, or do they make Jesus’ lessons more confusing? Do they help you? Come up with some ideas about why parables may help people understand Jesus or not. Try and list some ideas of what Jesus is trying to teach us with today’s story.
Inside Scoop...

Some adults don’t get married. Jesus calls them to do something else with their life instead. Think about a priest that you know. Instead of calling them to marriage, Jesus called them to be a priest. In order to be a priest, these people have to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders. What do you know about Holy Orders? Did you know that Jesus is a priest? He gave his life for his people, taught them, prayed with them and healed them! Jesus made his apostles priests and gave them the Holy Spirit so that they could teach others too. Then the apostles shared this as well and chose even more people to be priests. Priests today celebrate Mass with us and act in the way Jesus would have. They are not Jesus, but they try their best to follow him and help others to do the same. They give themselves to Jesus and so they don’t get married or have kids. What is your priest’s name? What kinds of special jobs does he do? Ask him sometime what he had to do to become a priest.


“This day was made by the Lord. Let us rejoice! Let us be glad!”
Psalm 118