

MAY 3 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

INCLUDED:

1 Sock 3 Pink Ovals
1 Pom Pom 2 Googly Eyes
1 Tube of Glue (save for other projects)

USE YOUR OWN:

Scissors
Permanent markers (optional)



JOHN 10:1-10



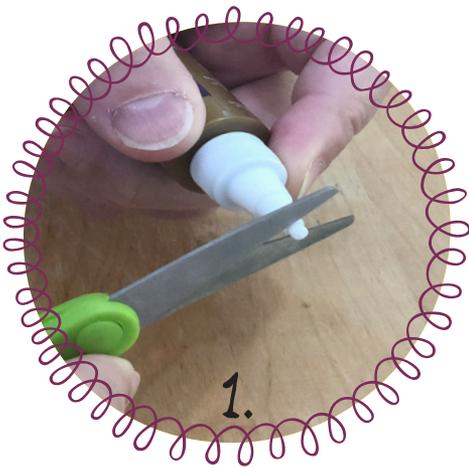
Jesus said: “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.

But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.” Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

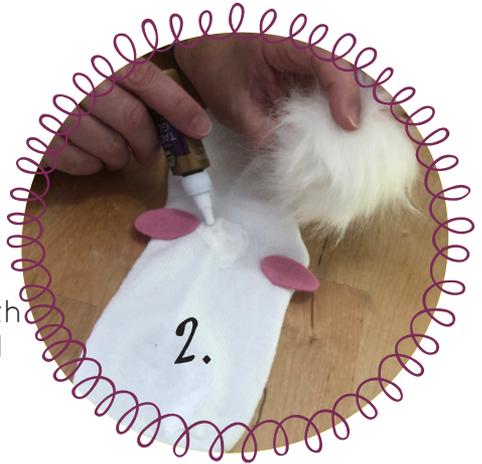
So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

Discussion: Think about a gate as an entrance into a wonderful place, like a sheep entering into a pasture. Jesus is the gate because He is how we enter Heaven! He is the Way to God. We need Jesus like sheep need their shepherd. Shepherds lead sheep to food, shelter, and water. Jesus leads us to Heaven, protects us, and wants to provide for all our needs.

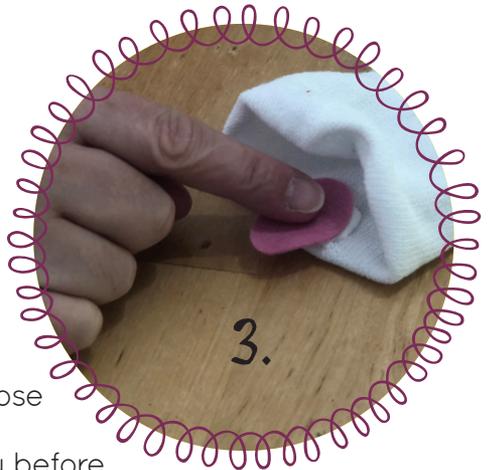
1. Cut the tip off the tacky glue bottle. You'll only use about 1/4 of the glue on this craft. Make sure to save the bottle for other crafts!



2. Lay the sock flat on a table, with the heel down. Glue the ears and pom pom hair on the top. Note - use a LOT of glue. Glue on the googly eyes.



3. Gently push the toes of the sock in about 2 inches. Glue the third pink oval inside for a tongue.



You may want to draw on a nose with a black marker from home.

Make sure to let your craft dry before playing with your lamb sock puppet!

Questions for Discussion: What is the new name for the Lord that we learned today? What is a shepherd's job? In the Gospel, how does the shepherd lead his sheep through the gate? Jesus' story about the shepherd and His sheep teaches us about our relationship with Jesus. We are the sheep, and Jesus is the shepherd and gate. Why would Jesus be the gate?