# The Good Shepherd

The readings in today's Mass talk about Jesus the Good Shepherd. In Jesus' time, and still in some parts of the world today, there would be flocks of sheep grazing in the pastures. The shepherds were the men who looked after the flocks and made sure none of the sheep got lost or hurt or attacked by wild animals.

The Church is the flock of Jesus, and He is the Good Shepherd. He guides the people in the Church so that their souls will not be hungry- He gives us grace, just like a shepherd makes sure his sheep have lots of grass to eat!

Like the shepherd protects the sheep from danger, Our Lord also protects us from harm. In the "Our Father" we ask God to deliver us from evil. When our souls are hurt by sin, the Good Shepherd heals us with forgiveness in Confession.

Answer to puzzle on front page:
I am the gate.
Answer to Fill-in-the-blanks:
know his voice.

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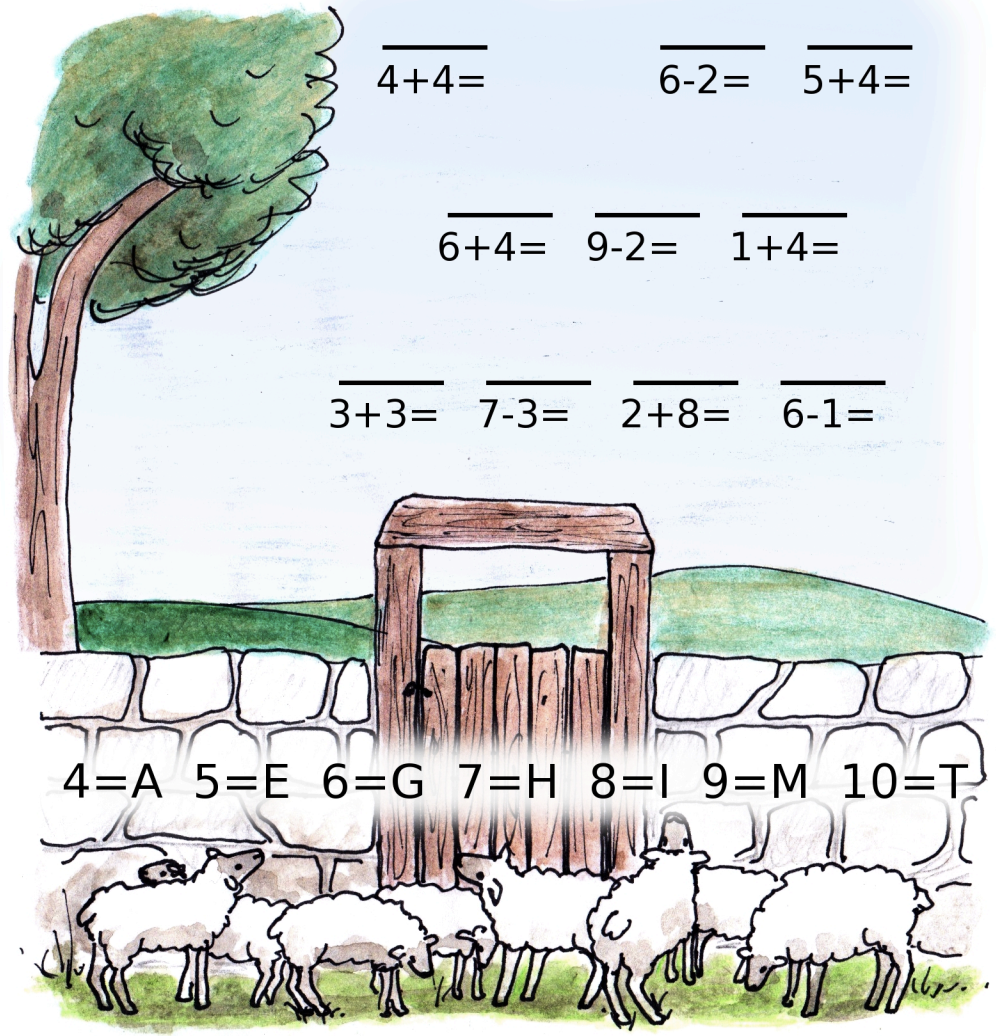
# The Kids' Bulletin

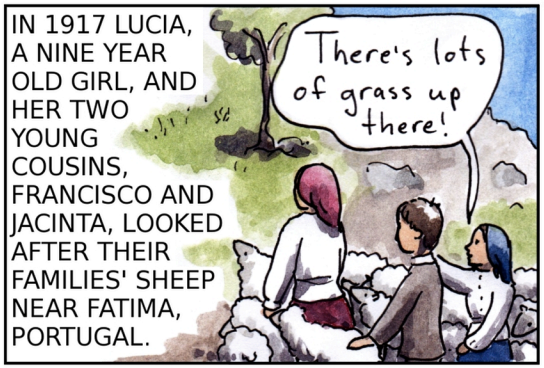
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**
**May 7, 2017**




What did Jesus say about the sheepfold?
Figure out the math questions
and then fill in the blanks
with the letters the numbers represent.

# Our Lady of Fatima

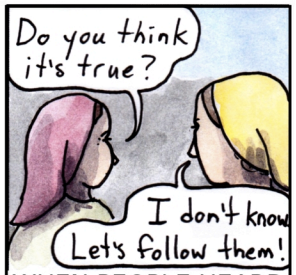
## May 13




IN 1917 LUCIA, A NINE YEAR OLD GIRL, AND HER TWO YOUNG COUSINS, FRANCISCO AND JACINTA, LOOKED AFTER THEIR FAMILIES' SHEEP NEAR FATIMA, PORTUGAL.

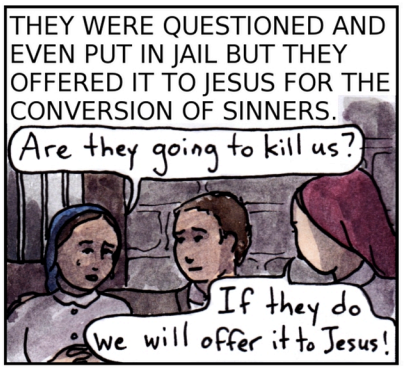
AN ANGEL APPEARED TO THEM SEVERAL TIMES, TEACHING THEM SOME PRAYERS.

ON MAY 13TH OUR LADY APPEARED. SHE TOLD THEM TO PRAY AND SACRIFICE.

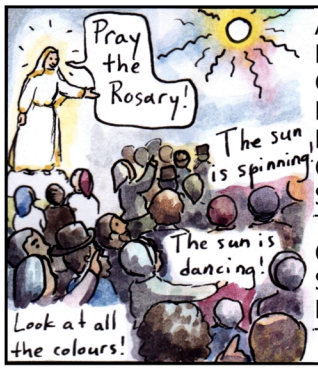



WHEN PEOPLE HEARD ABOUT IT THEY WERE CURIOUS.

THE CHILDREN MADE MANY SACRIFICES AND PRAYED OFTEN.




THEY WERE QUESTIONED AND EVEN PUT IN JAIL BUT THEY OFFERED IT TO JESUS FOR THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS.




AFTER APPEARING TO THE CHILDREN EACH MONTH, OUR LADY LET MANY OTHER PEOPLE SEE A MIRACLE IN THE SUN ON OCTOBER 13TH. SHE ASKED PEOPLE TO PRAY THE ROSARY.

OUR LADY WANTS US TO PRAY AND MAKE SACRIFICES TO HELP SAVE PEOPLE FROM GOING TO HELL. SHE APPEARED TO LUCIA, FRANCISCO AND JACINTA SO THAT THEY COULD SHARE THIS REQUEST WITH MANY PEOPLE. THINK OF WAYS YOU CAN REMEMBER TO PRAY EVERY DAY AND MAKE LITTLE SACRIFICES.

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# Fill-in-the-Blanks

The letters in squares fit into the spaces at the bottom.

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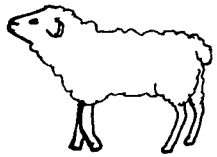

Jesus said: "Amen, __ __ [12] __ __, I say to __ [9] __ __, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but [11] __ __ __ __ __ __ over elsewhere is a __ [5] __ __ __ __ and a robber. But whoever __ [2] __ __ __ __ __ through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The __ __ __ __ [1] __ __ __ __ __ __ opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls __ [10] __ __ own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has __ __ __ [8] __ __ __ out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his __ [3] __ __ __ __. But they will not follow a stranger; they [4] __ __ __ __ run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of [7] __ __ __ __ __ __, the Pharisees did not __ __ __ __ [6] __ __ __ what he was trying to tell them.

The sheep _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _.
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