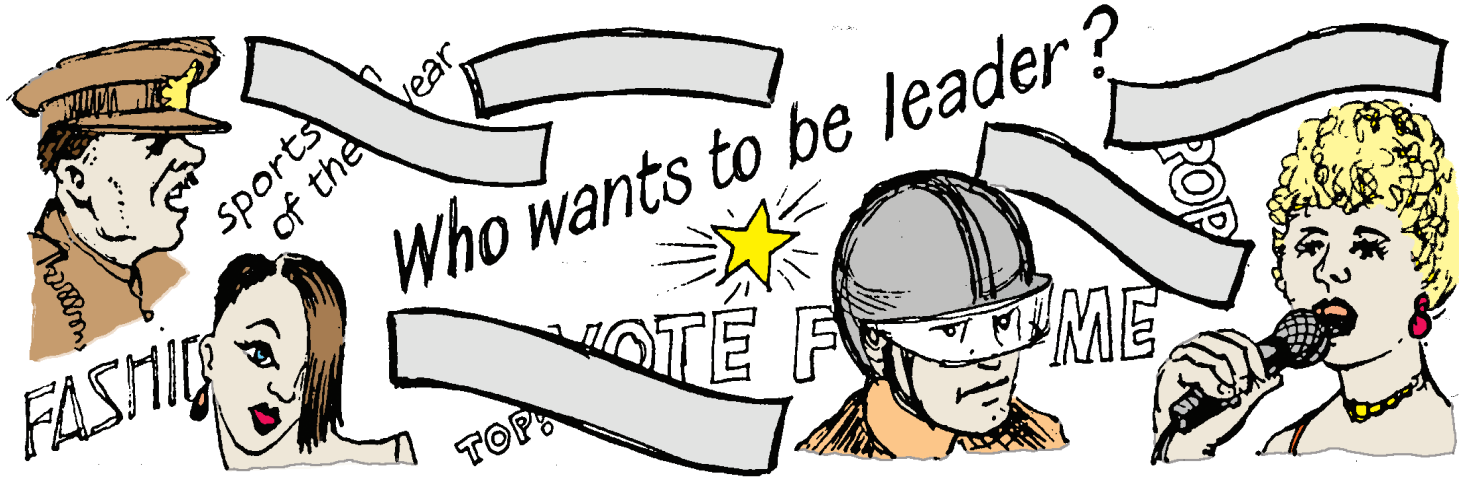


John 10; Ezekiel 34

I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the Father - and I lay down my life for the sheep.
John 10:14-15



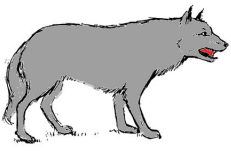
John 10:13-14. What does Jesus claim to be?

What does he say others who claim to be leaders are? (verses 8 and 12)

Look in the verses in the table to find the qualities of the good shepherd. Compare the qualities with your leaders and with Jesus. How do the others measure up?

A leader's checklist

A Good Shepherd	Your leader 1	Your leader 2	The Lord Jesus
v.3			
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v.4			
v.10			
v.11			



What's so bad about bad shepherds?

Look in Ezekiel 34:1-6

Readings this week:

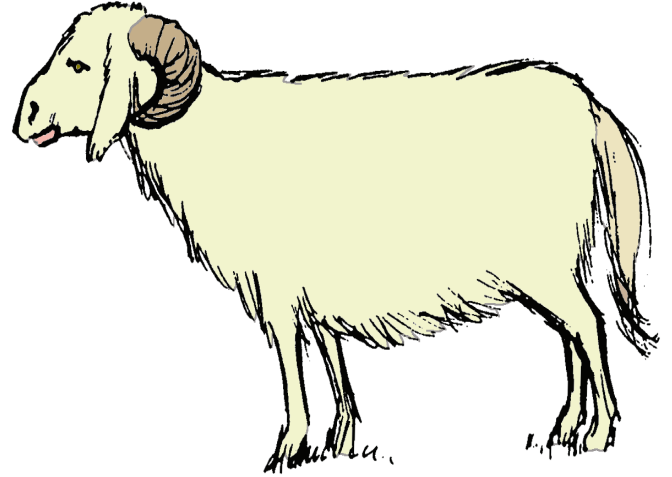
S	John 10:1-21
M	John 12:22-42
T	Ezekiel 34:1-8
W	Ezekiel 34:9-16
Th	Ezekiel 34:17-24
F	Ezekiel 34:25-31
S	Psa 23

Do sheep really need shepherds?

Does the world need a good shepherd?

Can you think of examples of good and bad shepherds in the world today?

Do you need a shepherd to follow?



Digging Deeper

Make a list of all the times Jesus said 'I am' using the passages below. The first three you have learned about in the past three weeks. The next two you will learn about in the next few weeks. When you have looked up the last two and the passage in Matthew, complete the sentence that follows.

John 6:35

8:12. 9:5

10:11,14

11:25

15:1,5

10:7,9

14:6

Matthew 7:13-14

We should try to go through the _____ gate because the _____ gate leads to _____ but the _____ gate leads to _____. If we enter through Jesus we will be _____.

Look at Psalm 23. It tells you more about the way Jesus can be your shepherd and lead you through life

Thank God for caring for us so well.