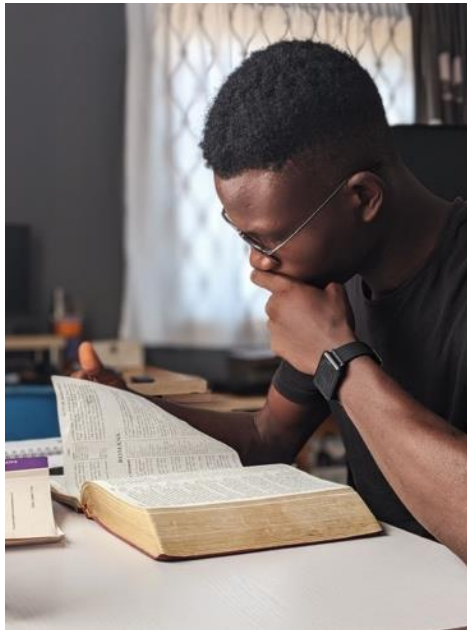


To talk about:

Talk with your child/ren about the idea of God guiding us, especially with his Word. You may like to take one or two of the lines in the Lord is my Shepherd reflection each day to think about together.

Pray together:

God our Father,
We thank you for guiding us on life's journey. You sent your own Son Jesus to be our Shepherd and accompany us during this life. Help us during this week to become ever more aware of your loving presence. We ask this in the Name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Theme:**

“The Word of God-the light for our journey”



For Parents / Carers

**Our Catholic Schools' Week
5 - 11 October 2020**

We are given an opportunity during this week to continue to foster, build up and enhance relationships between our parishes, schools and homes for the good of all. God calls us together as a community, a family, a people. He calls us together to know his love and share his love with others. We do this in the context of the Year of the Word that the whole Church in England & Wales is celebrating.

During our Catholic Schools' Week this year all our Diocesan Schools will be reflecting on the theme: The Word of God- the light for our journey. We know very well that the journey of life is unpredictable, this year with the upheaval caused by Covid-19 has reminded us all of that in a very dramatic way.

Does that mean we are left to our own devices to muddle through? Thankfully not. Our faith reassures us that God travels with us on our journey and guides us. One of the main ways God does this is through His Word.

The psalm at Mass this Sunday is the famous 'The Lord is my Shepherd' (Psalm 23). We can take some key ideas from this psalm to reflect on together:

The Lord is my Shepherd -That's RELATIONSHIP!

I shall not want - That's SUPPLY!

He makes me to lie down in green pastures -That's REST!

He leads me beside still waters --That's REFRESHMENT!

He restores my soul -That's HEALING!

He leads me in the paths of righteousness -That's GUIDANCE!

For His name sake -That's PURPOSE!

Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil - That's PROTECTION!

For you are with me -That's FAITHFULNESS!

Your rod and your staff they comfort me -That's COMFORT!

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies – That's HOPE!

You anoint my head with oil --That's CONSECRATION!

My cup runs over -- That's ABUNDANCE!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life - That's BLESSING!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord -That's SECURITY!

Forever -That's ETERNITY!

~Author Unknown~