



*Kia inu kau ahau,  
If I could just drink*  
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# Gospel for kidz

A Religious Education Resource for Parishes



**Today we are going to be talking about  
Jesus talked about his mission.  
Let's, listen and hear the story Jesus tells his followers.**

***A reading from the gospel according to Mark.....adapted for children***

**Everyone seemed to be in a hurry;  
coming and going, there wasn't even  
enough time to eat!**

**"Come on," said Jesus to his friends,  
"you need a holiday, away from all the people."**

**So, off they went in a boat,  
right away from everybody.**

**Lots of people recognised them  
as they were sailing away.**

**The crowds who had come from nearby  
villages hurried along the shore and  
managed to get ahead of them.**

**Jesus saw them and then put the boat back  
to land. He got out and looked at the great  
crowd of people. There must have been 5,000!**

**Jesus felt really sorry for them.**

**He remembered the words from scripture:  
"like sheep without a shepherd to look after them."**

**That's exactly what the crowd was like;  
they had no leader.**

**Jesus talked to them for a long time.**

***Let's sit quietly now and think of God's story.***

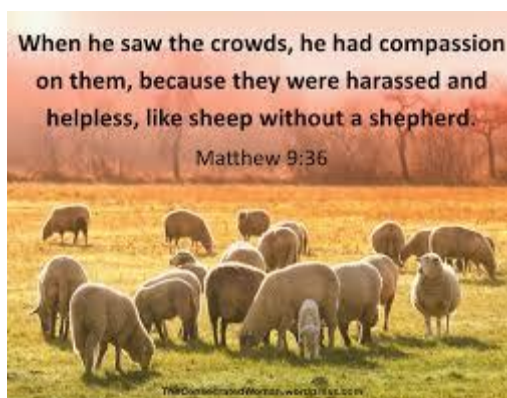
# Unpacking the Gospel

- why do YOU think Jesus thought his friends needed a holiday?  
*they had been very busy*
- what happened?  
*sailed off in a boat*
- why did they turn back?
- what did the crowd remind Jesus of?
- what did Jesus do?

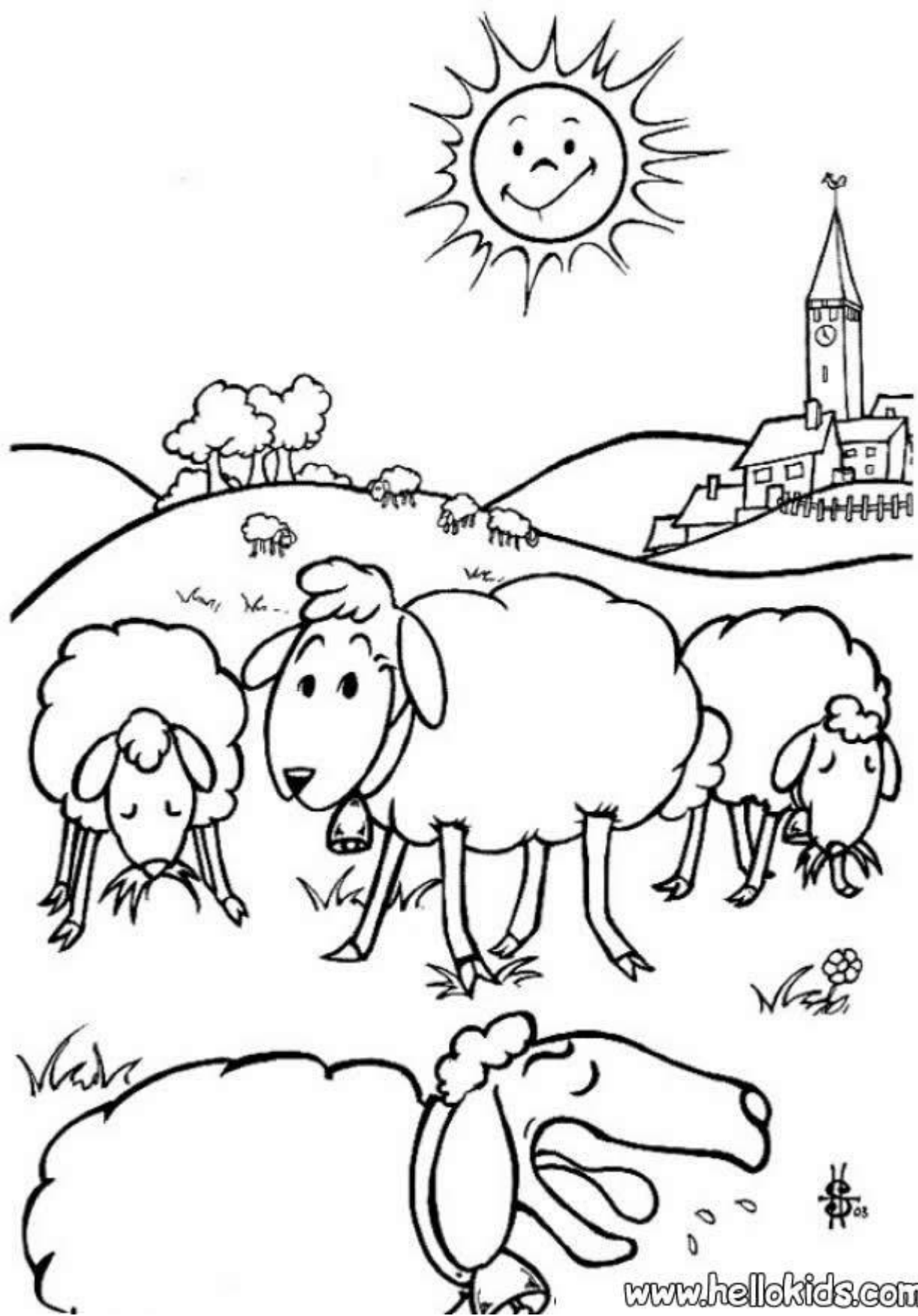
a) Jesus put himself in the shoes of the crowd and realised they felt lonely, bewildered, like lost sheep with no shepherd to guide them

*You may need to REMIND the children what shepherds were like at the time of Jesus.*

b) Jesus teaches us that compassion is a very important attitude.  
We must always try to be loving and caring to everyone we meet.



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# Sheep without a Shepherd

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The puzzle is based on Mark 6:30-34

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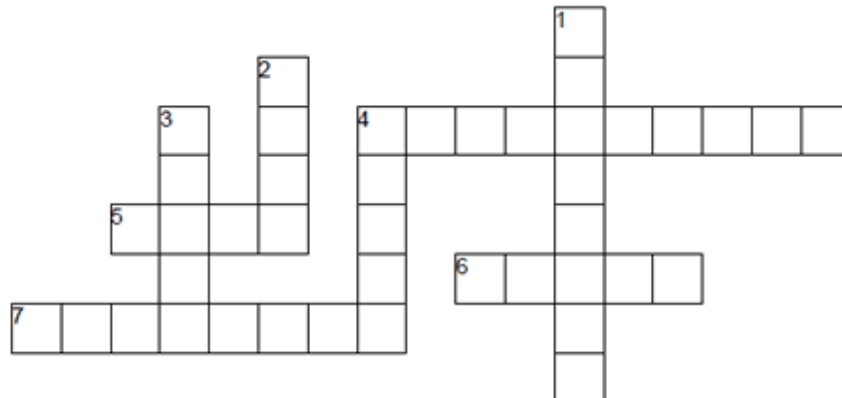
SHEPHERD	APOSTLES	BOAT	SOLITARY
TEACHING	CROWD	PLACE	REST
COMPASSION	JESUS	PEOPLE	SHEEP

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Complete the activity below.



## ACROSS

4. To understand the suffering of others and want to do something about it
5. To take a break from activity
6. Free from noise or activity
7. A person who takes care of sheep

## DOWN

1. Giving knowledge and skills to others
2. A small vessel for travel on water
3. A small, usually white, woolly animal
4. A large group of people

SHEPHERD

COMPASSION

QUIET

BOAT

SHEEP

TEACHING

CROWD

REST