

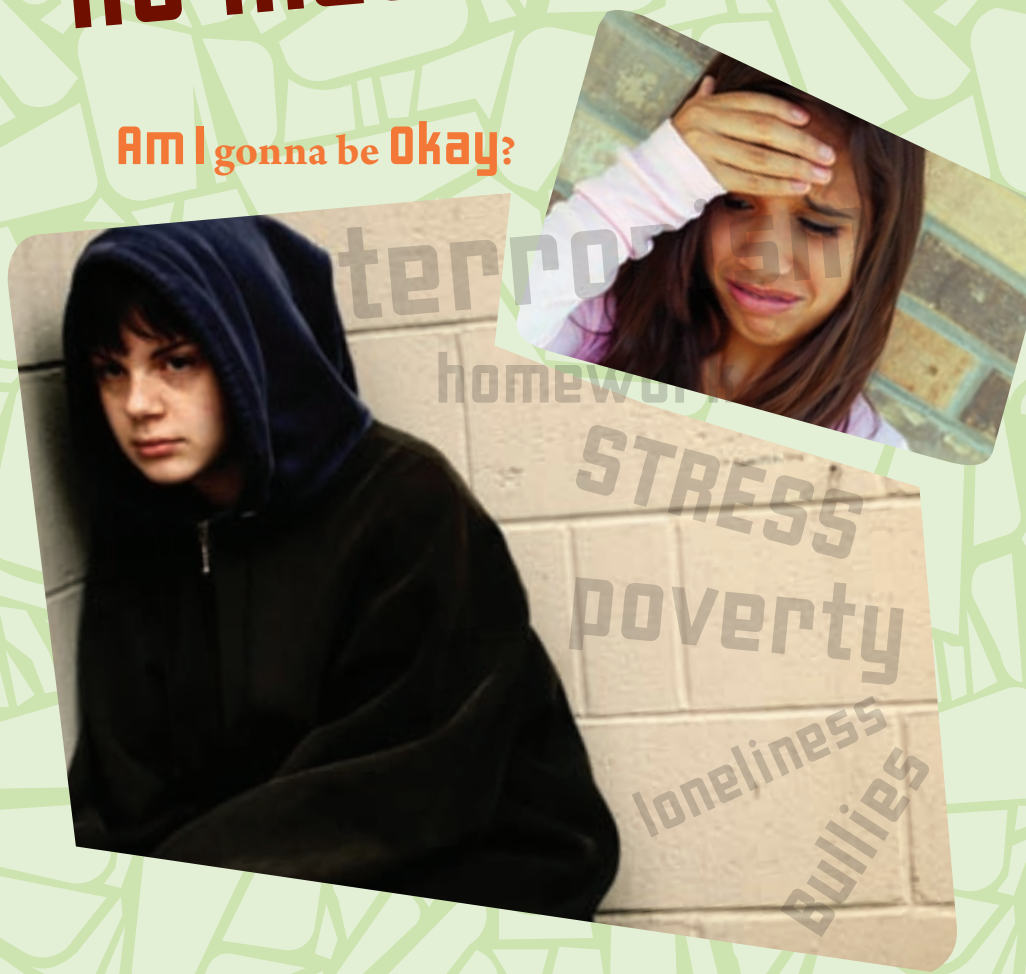
The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18


Easter 4

God cares for **all** people,
no matter what.

Am I gonna be Okay?



Walking with Jesus

Walking through a labyrinth is an ancient prayer practice that is more than 4,000 years old. There are three phases in walking the labyrinth. As you follow the path to the center you are walking toward Jesus. The center of the labyrinth represents union with God. As you follow the path out you are walking with Jesus, back out to the world. Trace the path with your finger on the labyrinth here.



Faith on the Go!

There is an ancient prayer that was created by early Christians in the 6th century called the Jesus Prayer. They said the phrase over and over again to become closer to Jesus. Try it! Close your eyes gently and inhale. As you do, say silently in your mind: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God." As you exhale, silently say: "Have mercy on me, a sinner." Relax and repeat it over and over again for several minutes. Try this at home. Teach it to your family. You can also do it with your eyes open as you walk or do other activities.

Memory Verse

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11

It's Hard to Stay Afloat



Life is not easy, even when you're a kid. There are pressures, problems, and dangers everywhere. It can make you feel like a boat in a storm. Make a list of some of the pressures, problems, and dangers that you and other kids face in the world today.

Did You Know?

Kids today face a lot of pressure and report feeling stressed out. The American Psychological Association is very concerned about this problem and suggests that one way kids can feel better is to be connected to groups that are supportive. Being a part of this church and Sunday school class helps you resist stress and cope with pressure more effectively.



Look it Up!

Read Psalm 23. What does it say about shepherds and sheep?



Can You Hear the Shepherd's Voice?



The Bible gives many examples of people hearing God's voice. Look up the following Bible passages. Draw a line from the passage to the person God spoke to. Then draw a line to what God wanted the person to do.

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| 1 Samuel 3:1-18 | Saul/Paul | Announce the downfall of Eli's family. |
| Numbers 22:21-35 | Elijah | Write Revelation and send it to the seven churches |
| 1 Kings 19:9-15 | John of Patmos | Anoint Hazael king |
| Acts 26:12-18 | Balaam | Go witness to the Gentiles |
| Revelation 1:9-11 | Samuel | Speak to the officials of Balak |