



LENTEN BOOK
SERIES

BOOK 4-LAST JUDGEMENT

LESSON TO ACCOMPANY THE MINI BOOK

To assemble the mini book: fold the paper on all lines (dotted & solid), then fold the paper in half width wise, cut on the solid line, fold book together. Encourage your children if they would like to color the book as you read it together.

Cover Page

Explain: Today we remember the Parable of the Last Judgement.

Ask: Does anyone remember what other name today has?

Answer: Today we also celebrate a day called Meatfare. It is the last day that we are supposed to eat meat. Not eating meat is something a lot of people do during Great Lent to prepare for Pascha/Easter. Some children also do not eat meat Great Lent.

It is best to ask your Spiritual Father and decide as a family how you will fast for Great Lent. Now might be a good time to speak with your Spiritual Father and as a family and come up with ideas on how to fast during Great Lent. Some children fast from meat, dairy, sweets, tv, video/computer games and/or try to incorporate habits that will help us come closer to Christ.

Explain: The parable, or special lesson, Jesus tells us about today is Judgement Day: when we will go to the Kingdom of Heaven. In this story Jesus tells us what we need to do in our Christian life to obey and love God.

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Explain: Jesus started telling this story by telling us about two different types of animals. The first animal is a sheep.

Ask: What do you know about sheep?

Answer: Sheep are very gentle animals. They are very easy to care for because they hardly ever get into trouble, they like to follow their shepherd, stay together, and obey.

Ask: What are some ways that we can be like sheep?

Answers can vary but can focus around: being loving and gentle to the people around us especially our family; try and not get into too much trouble; follow the rules of our parents, teachers, elders; obey the rules that God gives us (ten commandments).

Explain: Jesus then tells us about another animal that is very different from the sheep.

Ask: What do you know about goats?

Answer: Goats are very stubborn, which means when they have an idea in their mind they do it without thinking about the good or the bad. They are also not obedient. Goats are very curious about everything and most of the time what they are curious about will get them into a lot of trouble. This is why goats are not allowed to run free, they need to be tied up.

Ask: What are some ways that we can be like a goat?

Answers can vary but can focus around: being stubborn; being disobedient; having a hard time following directions; not following the rules of our parents, teachers, elders; not obeying the rules that God gives us.

You can write the answers to how we are like sheep and goats on a white board, chalk board, or piece of paper.

Explain: Jesus tells us about the sheep and the goats because He wants us to understand a very important day that will come. The day is called Judgement Day.

Ask: Do you know what the word judge means?

Answer: Judge means to take information and make an opinion.

Explain: An example is all of our Christian life, God is going to see what we do. He will see if we follow Him like a sheep or like a goat. Jesus tells us that on our day of judgement, He will be on the throne as our Lord and King. He will separate the goats from the sheep.

Looking at the icon might be confusing. When you look at it the goats are on the right and the sheep on the left. Help your child understand that the icon is as if they are looking in a mirror. the sheep are actually on the right and the goats are actually on the left.

Ask: There are times when we are like the sheep and the goats. Can you remember the examples we shared earlier?

Refer to the list that you wrote down with the examples. Other examples can be: Sheep-love God, give to charity, clothe the poor, feed the hungry, obey the rules of our parents, say your prayers, play nicely with siblings and friends; Goat-steal, not obey parents, yelling at siblings and friends, getting into trouble, being harsh with our words or actions.

Ask: Where do you think the people on the right will go, the ones who were more like the sheep?

Answers may vary, but should focus on we will go to the Kingdom because we love Jesus very much and try to follow His rules and live our life with Him at the center.

Explain: Since the sheep are the ones that can go to the Kingdom of Heaven, the goats will not.

Even though we have the choice to be more like the sheep or goat, we have to remember God gives us a something very special to help us if we make mistakes and are more like the goat.

This special thing is called repentance and confession. Even though we all make mistakes and sin, if we repent and go to confession and turn away from our bad behaviors, we will be able to go to the Kingdom of Heaven and be with God forever.

Ask: What are some ways that we can be sheep and follow Christ?

Explain: Some ways that we can follow Christ is by obeying the ten commandments, fasting, praying, giving to the poor and those less fortunate, sharing with our siblings and friends, and being good examples. Most of all if we feel like we might not be following Christ we can always ask Him to help us and guide us.

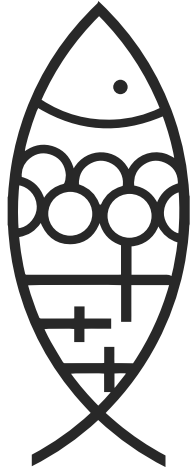
Ask: What are some ideas you have of ways you can be more like a sheep and obey and follow Jesus?

Write this list down (or if the children are younger draw a small picture to correspond to the list) and display it near your prayer corner or on the fridge. Look at it often and direct the children to the list when times become difficult or when they are acting more like a goat.

Read the prayer with the children and encourage them to memorize it this week and recite it during prayers in the day. You can also print out the prayer and display it on your icon corner or on your fridge.

Write child's name on the book (if child can't write you can help them).

Lord, Jesus Christ,
help and guide me
to stand on Your
right with the sheep
who love and obey
you. Amen!



This book belongs
to the
Servant of God:

Last Judgement

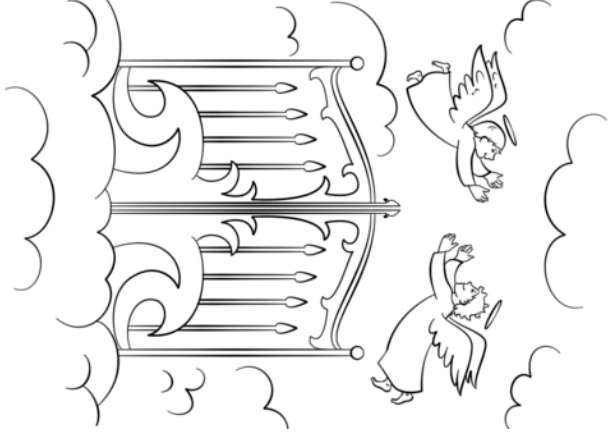
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Kingdom of Heaven

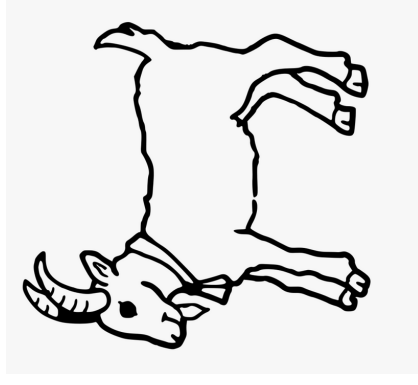


Sheep



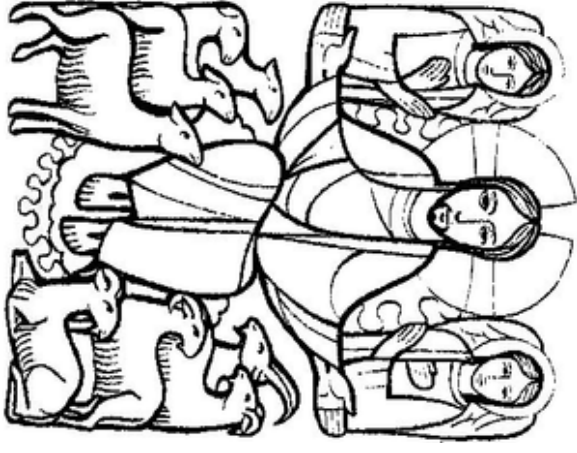
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shepherd, obeying

Goats



stubborn, disobeying,
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Judgement Day





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