

# Next Level

## Student Sheet

*"I have come that they might have life and have it to the full!"*

John 10:10

***So why settle for average?***

Read a Story about Sheep: John 10:1-15

You're probably thinking why would I want to read a story about sheep. Trust me, just read it!

Whenever  
you think of  
sheep what  
comes to  
mind?

**Mary had a little lamb, little lamb,  
little lamb..... (this is what I just  
thought of) or lamb chops.**

We often think that sheep stories are just for little kids. However this story is defiantly not for little kids, this is a challenge that Jesus gave to his disciples and is giving to us today. During Jesus' days sheep were not thought of as cuddly furry farm animals, they were very important to the life of communities and families. **Having sheep was a sign of prosperity and wealth.**

Now that you've read that... aren't you glad you did? I think it's a pretty a good story one that's full of promises for you and me. Let's take a look at it closer. Fill in the blanks according to what you've read in John 10.

## The Hired-Hand:

The hired-hand is good for something but they are not the **S**\_\_\_\_\_.  
The hired-hand leaves when his **L**\_\_\_\_\_ is at stake. He does not **L**\_\_\_\_\_ the sheep. He does not protect the sheep, instead he runs away when trouble comes to the **F**\_\_\_\_\_.

## The Sheep:

**W**\_\_\_\_\_ are the sheep. We are the ones that the Shepherd came to **S**\_\_\_\_\_.  
We follow the Shepherd when we hear his **V**\_\_\_\_\_. The sheep runs away from a stranger because they do not know his **V**\_\_\_\_\_. The Shepherd wants to give the very best to his flock; because of the Shepherd the sheep will have a very **F**\_\_\_\_\_ life.

## THE SHEPHERD:

**C**\_\_\_\_\_ is the Shepherd. He is the **G**\_\_\_\_\_ Shepherd. He enters the sheep pen through the **G**\_\_\_\_\_ and does not climb in some other way. He leads the way for the sheep making sure that there is no harm done to them. He is willing to fight for the sheep and even willing to **G**\_\_\_\_\_ - up his **O**\_\_\_\_\_ **L**\_\_\_\_\_ for them.

## The Promise:

I have come that you might have life and have it to the full! – Christ.

The **S**\_\_\_\_\_ promises to give the very best to his **S**\_\_\_\_\_, he not only gives them food, protection, shelter, and leadership but he also promises the best kind of life.

## *So what's the catch?*

There is no catch. All the Shepherd wants from the sheep is to save them. He has made the decision to lay down his life and to take it up again. The Shepherd is in total control. He desperately wants to give the best to his sheep. He wants deeply to give the very best to you and his church. Are you willing to follow him? Are you willing to live a life that is beyond average and ordinary to one that is amazing and complete?

## What next?

The following devotions will address ways in which we can live lives that reflect we belong to the Good Shepherd. Because we belong to him, we will be like him. The Good Shepherd makes it possible for us to live up to the Next Level.