Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today’s readings compare us to sheep that have returned to the shepherd.
Complete this dot-to-dot and color it.
Then write your name on the blank below.

Jesus is ________’s shepherd!
Jesus said the sheep follow the shepherd because they know his voice.
Are you following Jesus' voice?
Which of the sheep below matches the shadow?

a. 

b. 

c. 

d. 

e. 
ALL OUR MOTHERS

Next Sunday we will celebrate Mother’s Day. Different professions, such as lawyers and bakers, have patron saints. Patron saints are people who showed an exceptional quality or performed a notable activity that leads us to consider them a special protector or guardian in certain areas of life. St. Monica, St. Ann, and St. Elizabeth are just a few of the patron saints and protectors of mothers.

St. Monica was the mother of another important saint, St. Augustine. Monica was a devoted Christian but Augustine was not, so Monica prayed for her son every day and asked God to help him become a faithful follower of Jesus. Your mother probably prays for you, too. St. Monica’s feast is on August 27, the day before St. Augustine’s.

St. Ann was the mother of Mary, our Blessed Mother. We don’t know much about Ann, only what has come to us through tradition. But Mary must have learned how to pray, love others, and be compassionate from her parents. You learn some of these same things from your mother. We celebrate Ann’s feast, together with her husband, Joachim, on July 26.

St. Elizabeth was the mother of John the Baptist. Her son, an important prophet, prepared the way for Jesus. We read about her at the beginning of the Gospel of Luke. Your mother may be teaching you how to share what you know about Jesus with others. Elizabeth’s feast, together with her husband, Zechariah, is celebrated on November 5.

These are saints in heaven, and some people, like your mother, are saints in the making. What sort of story would you write about your mother? It should include all the things your mother does for you because she loves you. She might do some of the same things Mary, Ann, and Elizabeth did for their children. Give the story to your mother along with whatever other presents you are preparing for her. Your words might be the most special gift.
So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep."

John 10:7
GOD’S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

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Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

Acts 2:14, 36-41     Ps 23:1-6
1 Pt 2:20-25        Jn 10:1-10

Directions: Complete the dot to dot.
Prayer For Vocations

Today has been designated by the Holy Father as "World Day of Prayer for Vocations."

Please say an extra prayer for more vocations to the priesthood or religious life.
We are the sheep that Jesus shepherds.

Directions: Count the sheep below and write the correct number of sheep on the line.
We can only get through the gates of heaven if we follow our shepherd, Jesus Christ.

Directions: Help the shepherd get the sheep through the gate.