**Third Week:**

**The Challenge to Follow**

**Scripture**

John 10:1-10 or 11-18 or 27-30: Jesus, the Good Shepherd

**Symbol**

Shepherd’s staff

**Reflection**

Jesus tells us he will be there for us, our shepherd to guide us and take care of us. But we are not just a bunch of anonymous sheep in a big flock. Our shepherd knows each one of us – and died for each one of us. But it isn’t easy to listen to his voice. There is so much noise around. It isn’t easy to follow where he leads. There are too many distractions around.

**Your challenge this week**

In a world that tells us to be #1 and rewards us for being in charge, it is often hard to be a follower. Your challenge is to follow the leader. Learn to follow, do not be first; for once let someone else get his or her way. Let go and let God.

**Journal Questions**

1. What can you do to better listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd?

2. How can you help Jesus take care of the sheep in the flock?

**Alternative**

Pick a national or world leader. List their leadership qualities. List Jesus’ leadership qualities. How is Jesus a leader in a very different way?