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## Materials for Young Church • 22 March 2020

Last week we thought about God as a mother hen.

We thought about little chicks, and how when they are frightened, they run to the mother hen, and she opens wide her broad soft wings and gathers them underneath. She hides them from dangerous predators and makes them feel warm and safe and loved.

Here is a picture of this from a church in Jerusalem. Can you see how the artists made it?



Today we are thinking about another way of imagining God: we are thinking about God as a shepherd. Read **Psalm 23** and think about how God the Shepherd looks after the flock. Listen to it carefully.

What does the shepherd do to keep the sheep safe and happy? See how many things you can find.

If you have time this week, you could make a picture of God the Shepherd. Perhaps you could put in the green pastures and the still waters, or some of the other details you noticed in the psalm. Perhaps you could make a mosaic, rather as the artist did with the hen above, but with paper, rather than tiles. You could cut old magazines into squares of coloured paper to make the tiles. This will take a long time, so get the whole family to help!