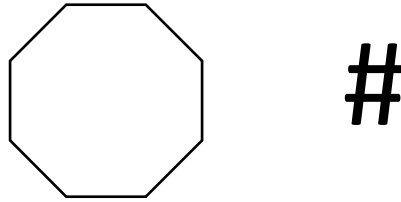


Dear student,

This year we are looking at the symbols of the church. Do you know what a symbol is? Here are some examples:



What do you see when you look at the above symbols?

What meaning do they have?

Do they have more than one meaning?

Symbols tell a story that everyone can understand. This year we are looking at the symbols of the church.



The cross is the most obvious one, but we're not starting with it. We're starting with the lamb. What do you know about lambs?

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Have you ever heard the term "sheeple"? What do you think it means?

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Read in your bible John Chapter 1, verse 29-30 and then read John Chapter 10, verses 14-18.



These two readings show Jesus as the lamb who takes away the sin of the world and then as the shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.

In our church is very large stain glass window with a picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

It is attached. Take some time to study it. Write down what you see and how you feel.

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How does the church view the lamb and sheep?

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Do you think this is a good symbol? Why or why not?

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How do you think it feels to be part of a flock?

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Think about the groups that you are involved in. Is anyone the shepherd?

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There are many sheep, but one flock. Which sheep are you? Draw it one the next page.

