Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.”
Focus Questions

1. Who does Jesus say that He is at the beginning of this Gospel? What does this person do?
2. What is the difference between a good shepherd and a hired man?
3. What do you think Jesus means when He says that He has “other sheep that do not belong to this fold” whom He must lead to the one flock?
4. What does Jesus predict at the end of this Gospel?
5. How is Jesus like a shepherd? Why do you think Good Shepherd is a good title for Jesus?
Easter Code

Directions: Solve the Easter code below!

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