



Welcome to Worship

Time to think!



**When have you felt welcomed by someone?
What can you do to make someone else feel welcome?**

I am...

1. I am the good shepherd
2. I am the bread of life
3. I am the resurrection
4. I am the light of the world
5. I am the way, the truth and the life
6. I am the vine
7. I am the gate for the sheep



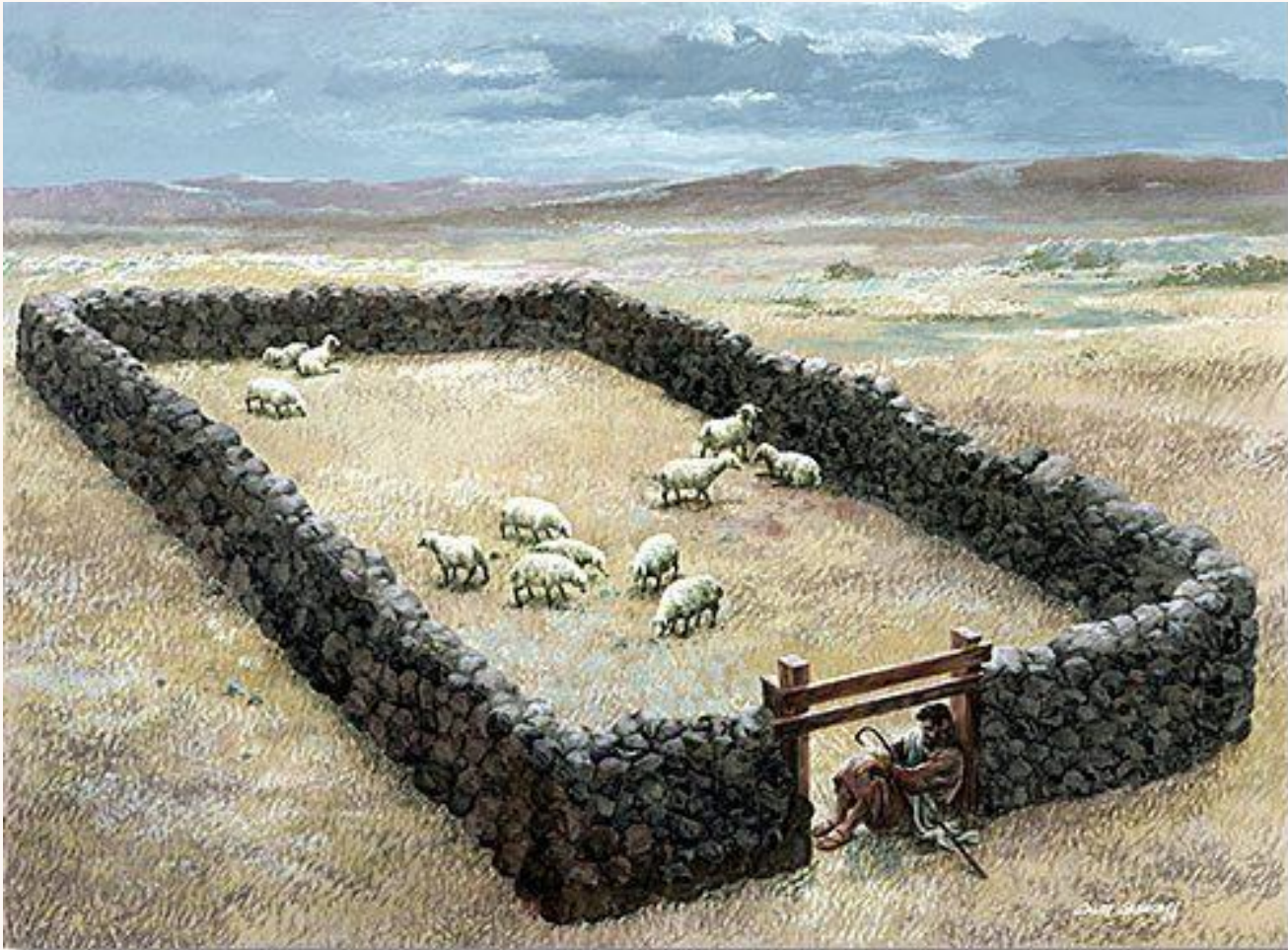
I am the door



What does an open door mean to you?

What might it mean for Jesus to be a door?

Peek at the Bible



What stands out to you about this picture?

Often, a shepherd would act as the gate or door to let sheep in and keep them safe from wolves and other things that may try and harm them.

John 10:9:

“I am the door; whoever enters through me will be saved.”

What does this mean?

Jesus said he is like a **door**, and this means that Christians believe that Jesus:

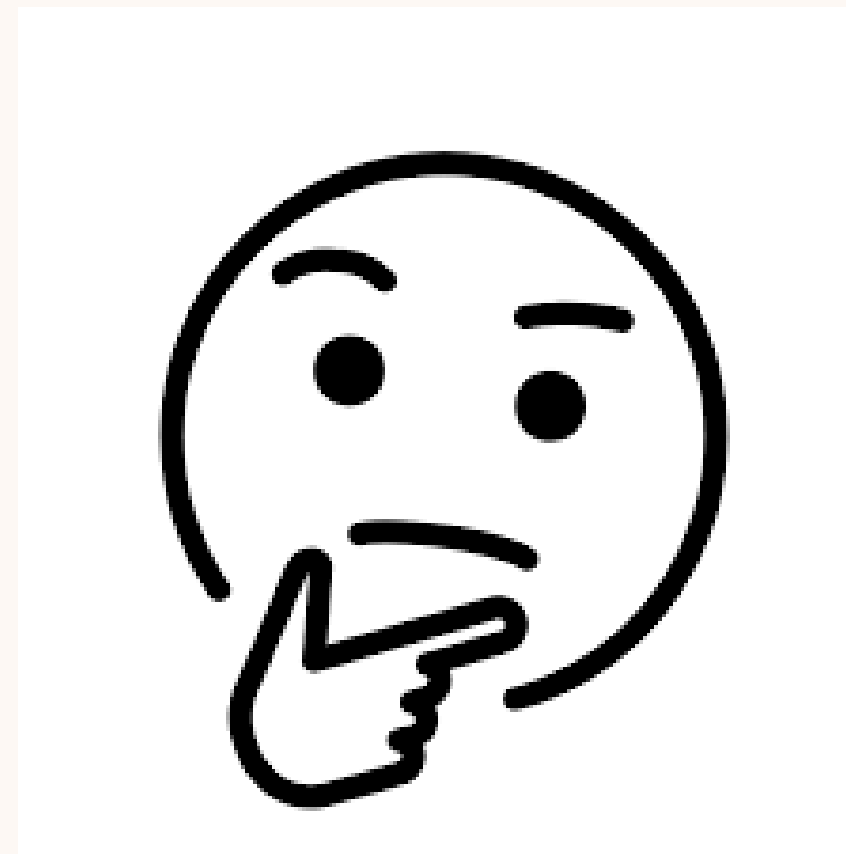
Welcomes people in 🏠
Keeps people safe 🔒



Time to think

Close your eyes for a moment and think:

- What does it feel like when someone makes you feel welcome?
- What does it feel like when someone makes you feel shut out and not included?
- Do you think you have ever been a closed or open door to others around you?



Stillness

If you would like to make this prayer your own, you can join in with Amen at the end or sit and reflect.

Dear God,

Thank you that you welcome everyone.

Help us to be kind and open to others.

Help us to include people and make them feel safe and loved.

Amen



Take it with you

How could you be an open door for someone today?

How could you welcome someone and make them feel like they belong?



**Have a good
day**

Peace be with you

And also with you

Further activities

Think of all the things you can do to make someone feel welcome and included and write them into your door shape. Is there one that you could do today? Share ideas with people in your class.

