

## #LOVEDOES

Isaiah 53:3-11

*When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! 11 They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and **they bowed down and worshiped him**. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of **gold, frankincense, and myrrh**. - Matthew 2:10–11 (NLT)*

“Myrrh” - a valuable, gum-like substance used as anesthetic/pain reliever & to embalm the dead; symbolic of Jesus’ role as Lamb of God

Jesus is the Lamb of God and the Great Shepherd

Sheep are \_\_\_\_\_

Sheep are Dumb

Sheep are \_\_\_\_\_

**The Son of Man must suffer many terrible things,**” he said. “He will be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead.” 23 Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my **follower**, you must **give up your own way, take up your cross daily**, and **follow me**. - Luke 9:22–23 (NLT)

## Discussion

- What’s the most unusual gift(s) you’ve ever received?
- Think about the accuracy of Isaiah’s prophecy 700+ years before Jesus’ death. How does that impact your understanding of God’s planning?
- Uh oh! You’re like sheep . . . Take a minute and think about how the characteristics of sheep define you too.
- Why is it so easy for our following of Jesus to become so casual or compartmentalized?
- It’s the season of giving. Who can you surprise with a gift this week? (Remember a true gift is given with nothing expected in return.)