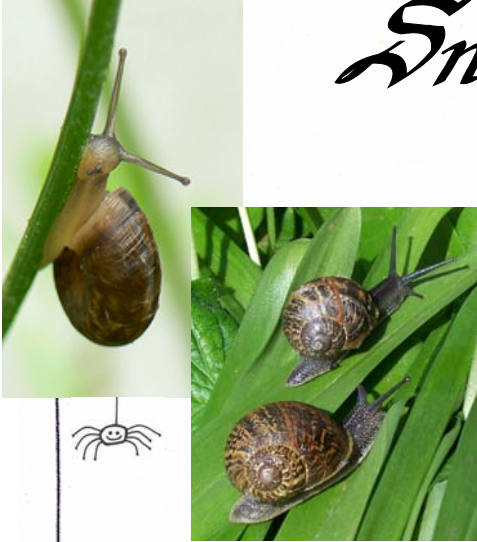


Snails or sheep?



Sean has some pet snails. He keeps them in a clear plastic box with a lid that has air holes in it. Sometimes he forgets to put the lid on and the snails crawl out. Mum gets cross when she finds a snail crawling on the sofa or across the floor, but Sean doesn't care if he loses some. He just gets more out of the lilies in the garden. And he makes sure they always have plenty of moist leaves and grass in their box to eat.

Snails belong to the gastropod family (that means stomach foot). Their muscular foot helps them move. Snails leave a trail of mucous on the things they walk on – so they can slide easily, and also crawl upside down. Because the mucous is very thick, they can crawl across the edge of a razor blade and not get cut!

Listen to God!

John 10: 2-4, 11, 27-30

(or the whole chapter)

Snails are good at leaving trails, but not good at following. They don't even follow each other. Sheep (where Jesus lived) followed a shepherd who provided food and water, care and protection. The shepherd kept them safe.

How can we be sure that no matter what happens, we will be safe forever? What do we need to do? Follow the lines from each picture to a box. Put the letter it starts with in the box and see what is spelt out.

Talk to God!

Write down or discuss what the Bible verses say about Jesus, our shepherd, then thank him.

