

PÄKÄ-SHEEP'S PATH

THE MUSTASAARI PILGRIMAGE FOR CHILDREN





The total length of the route is 1,5 km



Welcome to the Päkä-Sheep Pilgrimage on Mustasaari.

The trail is 1,5 km long. You may walk the entire trail, or just some of the stops.

There are 12 stops along the path, marked with numbered signs.

**THE GOOD
SHEPHERD TAKES
CARE OF ME !**



Päkä is part of the Good Shepherd's flock. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He will also take care of you.



THE BEACH OF PEACE

Close your eyes and feel
how the air moves in and
out as you breathe.

What sounds can you hear?

What scents can you smell?

Open your eyes.

What do you see?

What do you wish for?

Or maybe, what do you fear?

**Find a stone that fits your
hand and your thoughts.**

**You may then leave it at the
altar. God knows what's in
the stone.**

The LORD is my shepherd,

I lack nothing.

(Psalm 23)

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AT THE PIER



Piers can be accessed by boat.
Who do you want to sail with?
Who is important to you?
Who do you feel good around?

JESUS SAYS:

**"I AM WITH YOU
ALWAYS, TILL THE
VERY END OF THE
AGE"**

(MATT. 28:20)

Are there any boats on the sea?

How many can you see?



THE CROSS OF ATONEMENT

3



*God hears our prayers. He
forgives all our sins for
Jesus' sake.*



Sometimes we treat each other badly, even if we don't mean to.

The cross tells us that no matter what happens, all can be made well again.

You are free.

You can rejoice.



**YOU CAN SIT AT THE
BENCH FOR A MOMENT
AND PRAY IN YOUR
HEAD.**



4

THE PINE

The pine lies on the ground.

It is dead,

but it is still beautiful.

Is there something that has

made you sad?

What comforted you in that

moment?

Sometimes painful things

can turn into something

good.

**WHAT'S
ESPECIALLY
BEAUTIFUL ABOUT
THE DEAD TREE?**

He will wipe every tear

from their eyes.

(Rev. 21:4)

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THE MOSAICS



There are two mosaics here.

One of them is a drinking basin for birds. The other has a picture of a fish. Both are related to water.

There's water everywhere.

There's also water in you.

Nothing can live without water.

Nothing can grow without water.

God's love is also everywhere. He loves all the birds and fish, all the animals and plants. He loves every person. He loves you.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

(1 Gen. 1, 31)



ISLAND OF CROSSES

6

On this island you'll find many crosses.

Which ones will you find?

You can make your own cross along the path out of materials from nature, for example out of pinecones, the dry reeds on the beach, out of sticks or stones. Please don't break branches from trees or bushes.

Jesus says:

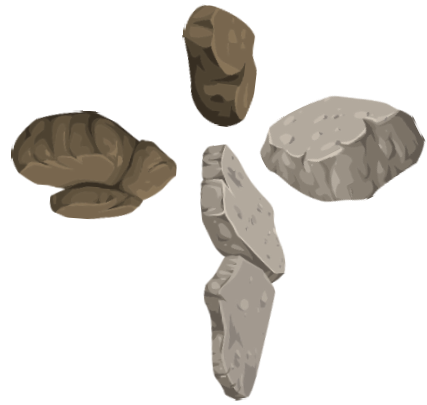
"I am the light of the world.

*Whoever follows me will never walk in
darkness, but will have*

the light of life."

(Joh. 8:12)





**YOU CAN MAKE
YOUR OWN
CROSS!**



CAN YOU FIND
THIS TREE ALONG
THE PATH?



7

FRIENDSHIP

Do you see the bridge in front
of you?

If two friends live on the
islands, they could cross the
bridge to meet each other.

**What do you want to do with
a friend?**

Did you know that Jesus is your
friend?

*Jesus says: "I have called you my
friends." (Joh. 15:15)*

THE FORKED TREE

8



Do you see the branches of the tree?

Jesus wanted to say that we all belong together, and compared us to the branches of a tree.

Jesus says:

"I am the vine; you are the branches"

(Joh. 15:5)



**IF YOU
WANT, YOU
CAN PRAY:**

Thank you Jesus for being with us. Thank you for feeding us every day, like a tree feeds its branches. Help us remember that you are with us. Amen.

DRIFTWOOD COVE

(Driftwood is wood washed up by the waters, or floating in the water)



You have come to a cove with aspen and reeds. In the spring, the ice pushes driftwood and loose branches on to the beach. Long ago, a certain pastor used the driftwood to make art. He wanted to show that things that aren't good enough for others are valuable and beautiful in the eyes of God.



No matter what others think, everybody is valuable to God.



Jesus says:
"I am making everything anew."

(Rev. 21:5)

MARANATHA



This boulder is called Maranatha.

From Aramaic, it translates to "O Lord, come."

You can always ask God: "Come! Listen to me."

You can tell God what you want.

He can and does hear you.

Sometimes it can just take time for us to understand how he answers.

Truly he is my rock and my salvation;

He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

(Ps. 62:2)

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO SPEAKS ARAMAIC?



Aramaic is believed to have been Jesus's mother tongue.

THE WORLD OF ANTS

11

Look at the ground.

Do you see ants, or other bugs?

Where could they be going?

Imagine how much bigger you are than an ant, and how much more you understand about the world!

Imagine, God is that much bigger and wiser than us.

*I praise you because I am
fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I
know that full well.*

(Ps. 139:14)

**DRAW THE OUTLINE OF YOUR
HAND IN THE SAND; HOW
MANY ANTS COULD FIT ON
YOUR HAND?**

There's space for everyone on God's hand!



SET IN STONE

12

Long ago, a certain pastor
chiseled a passage from
the Bible into these rocks.

Can you find it?

It says:

*"Heaven and earth will pass
away, but my words will
never pass away."*

(Matt. 24:35)

Why do you think the
pastor wanted to chisel
this into the stone?

**WHAT
WOULD YOU
CHISEL INTO
THE STONE?**



FINALLY

Remember that no matter where we are, God is with us. He is like a good shepherd who takes care of his flock.



*The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you Peace. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; Amen.*



Have a pleasant journey!

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