

Activity: A Shepherd Knows His Sheep



**FAMILY TIME
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Teaching Goal: Jesus knows each of us by name.

Scriptures: John 10:3-15 The watchman opens the gate for him [the shepherd], and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice...I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep...I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

Materials: Blindfold
(Optional) Baby name book or computer

I. Lesson and discussion

✓ Words written in **bold** are when the leader is speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

A. In the Bible, Jesus is compared to a shepherd, and we are compared to sheep. Invite a volunteer to read John 10:3-15. **Jesus says that He is the shepherd, and those who believe in Him are His sheep. He calls His sheep by name and His sheep know His voice. If Jesus is the Shepherd, who is the stranger in the story? *Satan.***

There are people who do not believe they can have a personal relationship with Jesus...a relationship where Jesus knows them and they know Jesus. But this Bible story tells us that Jesus does know us and we can know him.

B. ACTIVITY: Blindfold one person at a time. Each family member takes a turn saying the name of the blindfolded person. The blindfolded person tries to guess who is saying his/her name. **How did you know who was saying your name? *I recognized their voices.*** **In the same way we can recognize family members by their voices, Jesus recognizes us and we can recognize Jesus by his voice. How do we recognize the voice of Jesus? *By knowing what the Bible teaches about Jesus and by listening to the Spirit in our hearts and minds directing us to make right, good choices.***

C. OPTIONAL: Names have different meanings. Many names come from the Bible or have biblical meanings. **Do you know what your name means?** Using a baby name book or computer, look up the names of family members and friends.

II. Close in Prayer

III. Pass it on: Make an extra copy of this activity and *pass it on* to another family.

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