

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

John 10:7-18

Session Summary

Jesus offered Himself as the way into eternal life and community with the Father and His sheep—He is the gate. If you want to enter into the flock of God and into communion with the Father, you have to go in by way of Jesus. Jesus switched His metaphor from a gate to a shepherd who watches over his sheep, and He likened the religious leaders of the day to hired hands and Himself to the good shepherd. Here, Jesus is declaring how much He loves and cares for His sheep because they belong to Him. When Jesus said that He knew His sheep and His sheep knew Him, that wouldn't have been a surprising metaphor. But what was surprising was that Jesus likened His relationship with His sheep to the way He knows the Father and the Father knows Him.

Conversation Questions

- What are some of the ways the world tells us we can have eternal life? What does this passage say about that?
- How can our family point others to Jesus as the only way?
- Read John 10:10. What does it look like for us to have abundant life?
- How have we experienced God as the Good Shepherd?

Family Challenge

Grab a laptop or phone that plays music, then have each person pick a familiar song to play for the rest of the family. As each song plays, the first person to guess the name of the artist receives a point. The person who has the most points after all of the songs are played wins! After the game, discuss how you were able to recognize the voice of an artist, then talk about how Jesus knew His Father's voice and how we can know it too.