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One Flock, One Shepherd

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FAMILY DEVOTIONAL READING (JOHN 9:39–41; 10:1–21)

Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd. A shepherd protects, guides, and cares for his sheep. Jesus said His sheep recognize His voice, follow Him, and belong to one flock under one Shepherd.

When Jesus died on the cross, His purpose was bigger than saving us as individuals—He died to bring us together into one family of believers. Church isn't just about buildings or programs; it's about being part of His flock, listening to His voice, and walking with Him as a united people.

If Jesus loved His flock enough to die for it, we should love His flock, too. That means welcoming others, learning to listen to Him, and building unity with other believers.



FAMILY CONVERSATION STARTERS

YOUNG KIDS (AGES 4–7)

Question: Sheep listen for their shepherd's voice. What does it mean for us to listen to Jesus?

OLDER KIDS (AGES 8–12)

Question: Jesus said His flock is made up of everyone who follows Him. How can we help people feel like they belong to Jesus' flock?

TEENS (AGES 13–17)

Question: Jesus died to make one united flock. What are some things that can divide Christians, and how can we practice unity instead?

ADULTS

Question: If Jesus died to create a community, not just save individuals, how should that shape the way we think about church and relationships with other believers?



SHORT FAMILY ACTIVITY: “LISTENING TO THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE”

OPTION 1: GAME

- One person is the “shepherd” and calls out instructions (e.g., “take 2 steps forward,” “turn around,” “sit down”).
- Everyone else is a “sheep” and can only follow the shepherd's voice.
- After a few rounds, add someone giving fake directions to show how important it is to recognize and follow the true Shepherd's voice.

OPTION 2: CREATIVE

- Draw or cut out a sheep for each family member.
- On each sheep, write one way you can “follow Jesus' voice” this week (kindness, obedience, prayer, etc.).
- Place them on the fridge or a wall to remember you are all part of His flock.