

John 10:1-16

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Teachers Dig In

Dig In to the Bible

- Read: John 10:1-16
- In This Passage: Jesus says he is the good shepherd. Like a shepherd, he calls his sheep, and they know his voice and follow him. He seeks to give his sheep a rich and satisfying life, and he sacrifices his own life for his sheep. He knows his sheep, and his sheep know him.
- Bible Point: Jesus knows us...
- Application: ...so we get to know him.
- Summary Verse: "Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3).

Dig Deeper

- You'll Be Teaching: *Jesus knows us*. One of the greatest cries of the human heart is to be known, understood, and loved. That goes for kids, too. Help kids take comfort in the fact that Jesus knows them, loves them, and invites them to get to know him, too.
- Think About: What's something only Jesus knows about you? How do you feel realizing that Jesus knows that?

Dig In to Prayer

- Pray that Jesus would open kids' hearts to get to know him more.

Quick Tip

- How well do you know your kids? Can you call each one by name (without looking at their nametags)? If you struggle with remembering names, ask God to help you remember the names of your kids. Practice simple tips like these to memorize kids' names:
 - When you first meet a child, use his or her name twice as you look that child right in the eye—"Madison, it's nice to meet you, Madison."
 - Use a visual cue to help you. Maybe a child resembles a cousin of yours with the same name. Maybe Christopher has a curly "C" of hair on his forehead. Don't rely on outfits since those will be different next time! (You don't need to let kids know these cues; maybe you remember Noah because he has a big nose-ah.)
 - If your church allows, take a picture of each child and make a picture directory with kids' names. Pray for them by name each night as you look at their pictures.