

# THE VOICE OF GOD

FAMILY DEVOTION

**4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.**

**John 10:4-5**

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**Knowing someone's voice is something that happens when you are close to them. You are familiar with the sound of their voice and will recognize it even if you can not see the person. Think about when your mom or dad or grandparent calls you from another room in the house. You know who is speaking to you by the sound of their voice. When you call a friend, you will usually know if someone else answers the phone. Say your parent asks you to come to the living room, you will follow their instruction because you know who they are and that they care about you. Think about if a stranger called out to you, would you follow their voice? Likely if you have never heard their voice and they do not know your name, you are not going to follow the voice.**

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In our scripture, Jesus is saying that his followers are like sheep who know the sound of their shepard. As christians, we recognize that Jesus is the good shepard.

He will always care for us and will go with us in everything we do. He calls us by name and we are invited to a close relationship with God, one like what we have with our family. We can trust his voice. Knowing all we know about Jesus, we can recognize his voice and his spirit. Where there is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control, there is Christ.

**Spend some time discussing how you have seen the fruits of the spirit and the voice of God this week.**

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**DEAR GOD,  
THANK YOU FOR MAKING US YOUR  
CHILDREN. DRAW NEAR TO US AND  
ALLOW US TO RECOGNIZE YOUR  
VOICE.**

**AMEN.**