



"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

Framework

- Explain to your family or friends that today you are having church at home (*Give everyone a copy*)
- Start the time by singing one familiar worship song everyone knows
- Pray for the Lord to bless the time together

Introduction: Lately at church, we've been learning about who Jesus is from the "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John. We've learned that Jesus is the eternal and great I am, the True Vine and the Way, the Truth and the Life. Today we'll meditate on the fact that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. For that we'll read John 10:11-21.

Big Idea: Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who lays His life down for his sheep.

Application Point: We can trust God as one who deeply loves us: he knows us, sacrifices Himself for us, and unifies us as one flock.

Now, let's take a few moments to reflect upon the practical implications of this powerful truth.

Self-Sacrifice and Leadership:

In John 10:11, Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep. Reflect on a time when you have had to sacrifice something significant for the benefit of others. What were the challenges and rewards of that experience? How can you embody this kind of self-sacrificial leadership in your daily life?

Commitment to Others:

Reflecting on John 10:13, how do you respond in situations where others depend on you? Are there areas in your life where you can imitate Jesus' example by showing greater commitment to those relying on your support?

Understanding Jesus' Voice:

In John 10:14, Jesus says, "I know my sheep and my sheep know me." How do you cultivate a deeper relationship with Jesus to better recognize His guidance in your life?

Responding to Opposition:

Considering the opposition Jesus faced in John 10:19-21, how do you handle criticism or misunderstanding when you stand up for your beliefs? What strategies can you use to remain steadfast and compassionate in such situations?

Closing:

- Pray for God to help us listen to Jesus' voice more and imitate His character and sacrificial love for others.
- Sing one more song. Suggestion: God Really Loves us by David Crowder