

# Family Page



Jesus knows us all by name. This is important to remember. A name tells others exactly who we are. Here is a fun way to live out this gospel this week.

Play the following special version of "Twenty Questions," using the names of the members of your family, including grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, and so forth.

## Instructions

The person who is up says, "I am thinking of someone in this family." The others then ask questions to be answered "yes" or "no" and try to guess the person's name. When 20 questions have been asked

and the name has still not been guessed, the one who is up gets 10 points and chooses someone else to be up. If someone guesses the right name before 20 questions have been asked, that person gets 10 points and is the next one to be up.

This game is lots of fun and will help you realize how hard it is to identify someone if you don't know his or her name. That's why Jesus tells his disciples that he knows his people by name. He means he knows them and loves them in a private and personal way.



# explaining GOD'S WORD

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## Your Name Makes You Special

Can you help Jenny find her dog, Brandy? He is the one who is just a little bit different. Draw a circle around Brandy and write his name on these lines.





# My Sheep Hear My Voice... and They Follow Me

Today's gospel reminds me of a story about Jenny and her dog Brandy. One day Brandy got lost. Jenny looked and looked for him. She called his name over and over. When it got dark, Jenny climbed sadly into bed. Brandy was still not home. In the morning, Jenny's mother took her to the kennel to see if Brandy had been found. The man at the kennel led them to the pen out back. Jenny's mother gasped! There were four wiggly beagle puppies — and they all looked exactly alike. How would Jenny know which was Brandy? Jenny walked up to the fence and called Brandy by name. Over ran one little puppy, tail wagging so fast it looked like it might fall off.

When Jesus tells the story about the Good Shepherd, he is talking about himself and he is talking about you. "My sheep hear my voice," he says. "I know them and they follow me."



That's how it is with Jesus and you. Jesus has always known you — the color of your hair, the way you smile, and what makes you happy or sad. He calls you to hear his voice. He calls you to speak to him in prayer. At special times in your life, Jesus is there, calling you by name.

## The NAME GAME

Each of these questions has two answers.  
Put on your thinking cap and see  
how many you can get.



1. Name two people in the Holy Family whose names begin with **J**.

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2. Name two gospel writers whose names begin with **M**.

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3. Name two disciples whose names begin with **P**.

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4. Name two women in the Bible who have the same name.

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