

**BOTTOM LINE:** Before I was even born,  
I belonged to God.

## MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bibles
- Student Notebooks

### optional icebreaker: odd man out

This is a screen-driven game to be played on a laptop or airplayed to a TV. The game files can be found by following this QR code.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Click through the game slides one at a time. Each round will have three slides. The first slide will say what the category is, the second will list five things, and the third will give the answer. On the second slide, your students will need to guess which of the five things listing is the “odd man out” in that category. In other words, which one doesn’t belong. Play as many rounds as you want!



## hear from God through His Word.

**DO THIS:** Read Psalm 100:3 as a group and then lead your students in a discussion about the passage using the questions below.

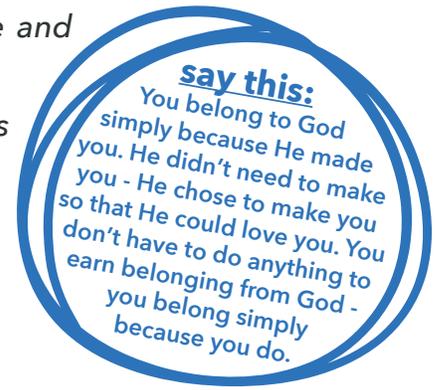
- Tell your students to open their Bibles to Psalm 100:3 and ask someone to read the verse out loud for the group.
- **ASK:** *What does this verse tell us about who we are and who we belong to?*
- **ASK:** *What does it mean that we are “the sheep of His pasture”?*
- **ASK:** *Do you think it’s fair to say that we belong to God because of the fact that He made us? Why or why not?*

## talk with others about our faith.

**DO THIS:** Lead your students in conversation about belonging using the questions below and their **Student Notebooks**.

- **ASK:** *How would you describe belonging to someone?*
- Tell your students to open their **Student Notebooks** to a new page and draw a big circle in the middle of the page. Then, tell them to write everything they feel like they belong to on the inside of the circle and everything they feel like they don’t belong to on the outside of the circle.

- **ASK:** What were some things you wrote on the inside and outside of your circle?
- **ASK:** Do you feel like you belong to God? If so, how does belonging to God make your life better?
- **ASK:** If you don't feel like you belong to God, what is holding you back?



## pray by talking to God.

**DO THIS:** Lead your students in a time of prayer using their **Student Notebooks**.

- Tell your students to spend a couple minutes writing a prayer to God in their **Student Notebooks**. For the students who feel like they belong to God, tell them to write a prayer of gratitude to God for making them and for offering them belonging. For the students who aren't sure if they belong to God, tell them to write a prayer asking God to show them how they can find belonging with Him.

## live in a way that honors God.

**DO THIS:** Give your students the following **LIVE** challenges for this week:

- If you don't feel like you belong to God right now, have a conversation this week with someone you know who is a follower of Jesus. Ask them what belonging to God means for them and how you could find that for yourself.
- Memorize Psalm 100:3 this week.



## memory verse

*"Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are His.  
We are His people, the sheep of His pasture."*

**Psalm 100:3**