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# TABLE TALK

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Given by the Father

## Prepare:

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*As one person lights a candle, the family reads together (adapted from Psalm 23):*

C: The LORD is our shepherd; we shall not want.

R: He makes us lie down in green pastures.

C: He leads us beside still waters.

R: He restores our souls.

## Read: John 10:22-30 (ESV)

22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

## Reflect:

We who believe in Jesus were given to him by the Father, and cannot be taken away.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (John 10:22-30) means for you as a family.

*Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.*

## Praying:

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*The head of the household prays:*

Dear God, Heavenly Father, thank you for making us one of your own. Help us to hear the voice of your Son, our Great Shepherd, and follow him. In Jesus's name, amen.