

Sheep Gate Skit

Disciple: Wow! Jesus just spoke to us and he said that he was the gate for the sheep. You know what that means, right? It means he is the only way in or out.

Shepherd: You're talking to a shepherd, of course I know what that is.

Disciple: What is it?

Shepherd: We don't have gates for the sheep. At night we sit down in between the sheep and where the sheep might escape or if anyone tries to get in and steal our sheep.

Disciple: So you literally become the gate?

Shepherd: Of course! That's how we keep the sheep safe at night.

Disciple: Jesus said anyone that tries to get into the sheep pen without going through the gate is a thief and a robber.

Shepherd: You bet! If anyone tries to get my sheep without coming through me first... they better watch out!

Disciple: wait a minute, Jesus doesn't own any sheep that say 'Baa!'

Shepherd: But didn't you say Jesus tells people that they are his sheep. He's talking about people - not sheep!

Disciple: You're right. That's what he said. Jesus said his sheep hear his voice, they know his voice and they follow him. They don't follow a stranger because they don't recognise their voice. Jesus said he knows his sheep by name.

Shepherd: Sounds right, my sheep know my voice - and I definitely know each one of them by name. This one here is called Tommy! [holds up a sheep toy]

Disciple: So Jesus knows his followers and his followers follow him. We can't become one of his followers or go where they are going without going through Jesus - without getting to know him!

Shepherd: Exactly. That's what he's saying. He's a clever guy, that Jesus.

Disciple: He says whoever goes through the gate will be saved. They will have pasture.

Shepherd: I should hope so. That's the job of the shepherd - to save his sheep. That's the whole point of sitting in the gateway at night - to save our sheep.

Disciple: So when I follow Jesus, when I go through him, he will save me from... my enemies? ... from 'The Enemy'?

Shepherd: He will.

Disciple: That's something to celebrate! I'm so glad I follow Jesus!