

# The Echo and the Truth – Youth Bible Study

## Student Handout

**Purpose:** Read, reflect, and discuss truth versus deception through John 10:1-18.

### 1. Session Overview (60-75 min)

- **Ice-breaker** – Quick activity to warm up the group.
- **Prayer** – Invite God’s presence.
- **Scripture Reading** – John 10:1-18 (read aloud, then silently).
- **Context Background** – Use the illustration:

In the woods, a hunter may use a call to imitate the sound of a hen turkey. To a gobbler, it sounds like exactly what he wants. He moves toward what he thinks will satisfy him, only to discover too late that the sound was false and the decoy was empty.

The world works in a similar way. It offers convincing substitutes for truth, identity, purpose, and life. From a distance, those things can look real. But they cannot save, satisfy, or lead anyone safely home.

Jesus does not merely offer a better option among many. He is the true Shepherd, and His voice leads to life. - **Group Discussion** – Use the questions below. - **Personal Reflection** – Write a short paragraph. - **Wrap-up & Prayer** – Summarize key take-aways.

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### 2. Discussion Questions

1. What “voices” in today’s world try to pull you away from Jesus? (e.g., social media trends, celebrity culture, peer pressure.)
2. Why do these voices seem attractive at first?
3. How does the Good Shepherd differ from a false voice?
4. In John 10, what does the false “voice” or “deception” represent, and how does that apply today?
5. How can you test whether a voice is from God? (See 1 John 4:1, John 8:31-32.)
6. What concrete steps will you take this week to follow Jesus’ voice?

### 3. Personal Reflection

Write a short paragraph answering: > **What is one “echo” you hear in your life, and how will you choose the Shepherd’s voice instead?**

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#### 4. Key Verses

- **John 10:1-18** – The Good Shepherd vs. the thief.
- **1 John 4:1** – Test the spirits.
- **John 8:31-32** – Know the truth.

#### 5. Prayer Prompt

Father, help me hear Your voice above all the noise. Give me wisdom to follow the Good Shepherd.

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