

Year C - 4th Sunday of Easter

John 10:27-30

Listening Activity



Objective

This activity demonstrates that listening to God's voice can sometimes be challenging, as other sounds or distractions might make it harder to hear Him.

Instructions

- Create a simple obstacle course using items like jumpers or shapes placed on the floor.
- Select Volunteers:
 - Pick two volunteers to cross the obstacle course while blindfolded.
 - Each volunteer can choose one friend to guide them through the course with verbal instructions.
- Prepare the Volunteers:
 - Ask another leader to take the two blindfolded volunteers away from the group.
 - Privately, explain to the volunteers and their chosen friends that they'll need to work together carefully and safely to navigate the course. Emphasize no running or rushing.
- Brief the Rest of the Group:
 - While the volunteers are being blindfolded, address the rest of the group. Explain that they will line up around the obstacle course and remain quiet while the volunteers attempt to cross.
 - However, when you raise your hands, they should make lots of noise to try and distract the volunteers—without moving from their spots. When your hands are lowered, they must immediately be silent again.
- Set Up the Volunteers:
 - Once ready, guide the blindfolded volunteers to one end of the obstacle course.
 - Position their partners at the other end, ready to provide guidance.
- Navigate the Course:
 - Once everyone is in position, the partners begin giving verbal instructions to guide their blindfolded friends across the course.
 - After a few moments, raise your hands and encourage the group to make noise and distract the volunteers. Lower your hands again to signal them to return to silence.
 - Repeat this process several times until both volunteers successfully reach the finish line.



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Debrief It

- Ask the volunteers:
 - "What was it like to cross the obstacle course blindfolded?"
 - "How did it feel when the crowd started shouting? Did it make it harder to listen to your friend's guidance?"
- Ask the partners:
 - "How did it feel to guide your friend across the course?"
 - "Was it more difficult to give clear instructions with all the noise going on?"

"Crossing the obstacle course is like navigating life. Jesus is like the friend guiding us through life's obstacles, always offering help and direction. However, there are many distractions—like the noise from the crowd—that can make it harder to hear His voice. These distractions could be worries, temptations, or other voices in the world.

But the closer we are to Jesus, the more we learn to recognize His voice above the noise, and the easier it becomes to follow His guidance. It's all about staying connected and trusting Him to lead us, even when life gets challenging."