

Family Special Time
Sailing the Seven C's—The "C" of Calling

Do You Hear What I Hear?

You will need
No items are needed.

PLAY the following game: Tell your child that you are going to play a game where they will go into a room (like a bathroom), close the door, and count to 30. During that time you will hide somewhere in the house. Once they are finished counting, they will yell out that they are coming to find you. However, every minute you will call their name, either loudly or softly. They can look for you or they can just wait and listen for you.

ASK: **Do you think you would have found me if I hadn't been calling out your name?** (Probably.)

SAY: In the game I called your name. In life God has a call for you too. God calls everyone to give their lives to Him, but God also has special plans for everyone.

Big Questions

Who are some people of whom you've heard that God has called them to do something special? Tell me about them? (There are a lot of stories in the Bible where God called someone—God called Abraham to leave his country, called Moses to go to Egypt and get His people, Jesus called the twelve disciples, etc.)

What do you think God might call you to do? In other word, for what purpose do you think God made you?

SAY: You won't know all of God's great plans for you now but as you follow Jesus you will discover many incredible things that God has in store for you. The important thing is that you're ready to *say yes to Jesus* when He calls you to do something. *Read Matthew 4:18-22 from your Bible.* (This is the story of Jesus calling four of his disciples. Point out how they

responded when Jesus called them—IMMEDIATELY they followed Him.)

PRAY and thank the Lord for having special plans for each person in your family.

When you are finished, play the game again. This time, let your child hide...and have some family fun.