



## PRAYER ACTIVITY: HOW MANY FOLLOW GOD? HOW MANY DON'T?

### Directions

1. Tell the students that you have 100 cotton balls, ten in each bag. Invite them to help you count them by tens as you hold up each bag. Count the separate cotton balls last. Discover there are only ninety-nine. Ask, *“Where is the final cotton ball? I have hidden it.”* Tell students the general area in which you have hidden it (classroom, grassy area, etc.) Invite students to find the lost cotton ball and return to the teaching area. *“Ready, set, go!”*
2. After students return, discuss the activity together. *“Imagine that these 100 sheep represent all the people in the world.”* Ask, *“How many out of these 100 people know about God?”* Listen as students offer a variety of guesses. Use the bags of cotton balls to show approximately how many sheep would be “in the fold” and “out of the fold” to match student guesses.
3. Then say, *“Approximately, one third of the world knows about Jesus and follows him. These people call themselves ‘Christians.’”* Hold up three bags and three loose cotton balls. Ask, *“Do you know any Christians?”* Allow for responses.
4. Continue, by holding up three more bags and three more loose cotton balls. Say, *“About one third of the world knows a little bit about Jesus. But they are not serious about following him or honoring him.”* Ask, *“Do you know someone like this?”*
5. Continue, by holding up three more bags and three more loose cotton balls. Say, *“About one third of the world does not know about God at all.”* Ask, *“How can it be that a person knows nothing about Jesus at all? Many of the people who do not know anything about God, do not even have the Bible translated into their own language yet. For example, the Chut (**choot**) people in Asia, the Ica (**ee-kah**) people in Latin America, and the Temacine (**teh-mah-seen**) people in Africa.”* Show these general areas on the globe. Say, *“Christian workers are working together to translate the Bible so all people can know God and follow him.”*
6. Play Infobyte #1 to reinforce this idea.
7. Ask, *“What is God’s purpose?”* (That all peoples of earth know God and worship him.)
8. Spend time praying for people with no access to the gospel.



PREPARATION: 5 min.

TEACHING: 15 min.

### Materials

- nine sandwich bags with filled with cotton balls
- nine separate cotton balls
- globe or world map
- Infobyte #1, “The Big Picture”
- TV/DVD player