

**DOG TAGS**

# Heart-to-heart and always with me

**Materials:** Worksheets, dog tag templates or dog tags from the "With You All The Way! Dealing With Deployment" kit (two per youth), pencils, markers, crayons, scissors, hole punch, 30-inch lengths of string (two per youth)

**Directions:** Read the worksheet, complete the activity and discuss with the Group.

What is identification?  
What does it mean?

It means discovering  
who a person is or  
recognizing who  
they are.

## Military members wear dog tags as a method of identification.

For today's activity, we're going to explore ways to get closer to our special person using dog tags.

**STEP ONE**

Look at your set of dog tags from the Deployment kit or on the template. Let's discuss ways to use our dog tags to keep our special person close to our heart. Raise your hand if you want to share an idea. Write the ideas on your worksheet.

**STEP TWO**

If you're using the dog tag template, write your name on one of the tags. On the other tag, write your special person's name. You can color and draw pictures on the template dog tags if you'd like. When you've finished decorating your tags, cut them out and punch out the holes with the hole punch. Then, pull a piece of string through each hole and tie the ends.

**STEP THREE**

Take your dog tags home. Give one dog tag to your special person. Keep the other dog tag for yourself as a reminder of the love you share with your special person.

**WAYS TO USE MY DOG TAGS**

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