

## Food for Thought—Cherry Tomatoes



God—more than we realize: **Master, Friend, Lamb, Lion, Light, Pathway, Bread of Life, Good Shepherd...**

A certain little boy loved cherry tomatoes. One day as he was snacking on them, his mother laughed and said, "Do you know what those are?" He smiled and said, "of course—tomatoes!" She said, "No.

They're...vitamins!" He laughed and then slyly put the remaining tomatoes in the shape of a smiley face and said, "Actually, they are a smile!" Then his Mom arranged them in a heart shape and said, "No, I think they are a heart." And so the game went on. They were tomatoes, yes, but they were also so much more. Similarly our Lord is so much more than we realize: He is Master, Friend, Lamb, Lion, Light, Pathway, Bread of Life, the Good Shepherd.... He is all of those things and more. People too are not just one thing, and we tend to forget that.

The man we know as a mediocre bus driver may also be (unbeknownst to us) a gentle and excellent father. The woman we know as a bank clerk may also be a gifted artist or gardener. The teenager we may know as a cut-up in class may be also the rare teen who regularly visits his grandad in a nursing home. There is so much more to God—and to people—than we think.