Together a flome

Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

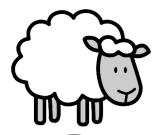
Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the stories of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin.

You can find it in your Bible in:

Luke 15:1-10

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the stories of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin that remind us that we are never "lost" from You--that You always see us that that You always seek us to be close to You. Thank you for never giving up on us and for loving us no matter what.

We pray for all those who don't know you yet, that they would hear Your voice and come to know and trust in the good news of Your great love that You have shown us through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

Why did the Pharisees and religious leaders complain about Jesus?

The Jewish leaders complained because they felt Jesus was "hanging out" with the wrong type of people--"sinners"--those who had done wrong.

A question to discuss together:

Is it wrong/bad to be friends with people who are different from you and/or people who don't always do the right thing?

Jesus was friends with people who were as different from Him as they could possibly be: Jesus was perfect and sinless, and his friends were sinners. Jesus hung out with these people because He loved them. They were "lost" people who needed to hear the truth of God's love and forgiveness. In the Bible, Jesus tells us to do the same thing: to love others and to share the Good News of Jesus.

Family Activity 1

You will need: A toy sheep, a large cotton ball (to represent a fluffy sheep!), or a picture of a sheep (you can always draw your own!)

Take turns hiding the sheep around the house while others try to find it. The person who has hidden the sheep could give clues such as 'warmer' when somebody is getting nearer to the sheep and 'colder' if they are moving further away.

In the Bible sheep are used as a picture of those who know Jesus — if you know any lost sheep, people who do not have a relationship with Jesus, you could pray for them together.

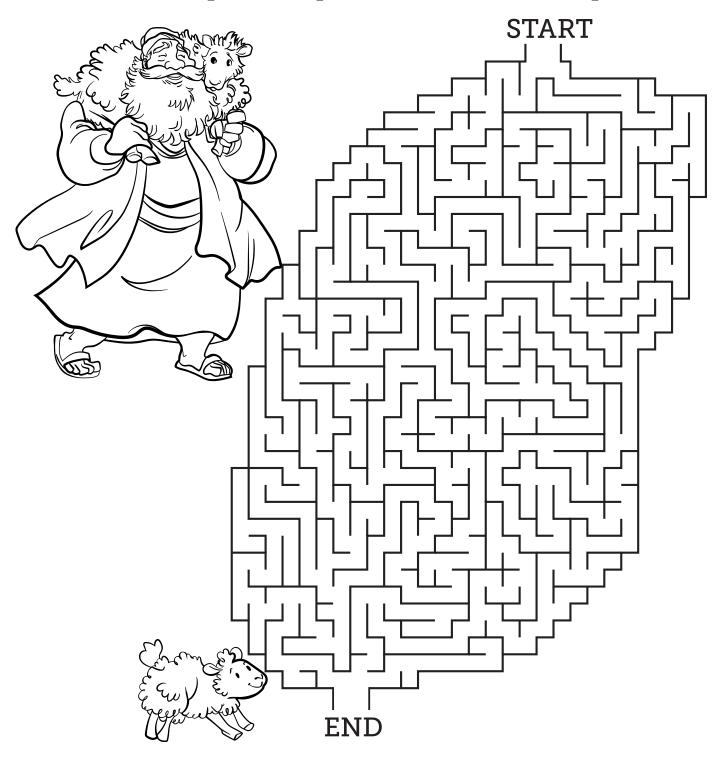


A verse to remember

Psalm 23 v 1 "The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need."

To learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Help the Shepherd find his lost sheep.



PARABLES OF THE LOST SHEEP AND COIN

Luke 15:10



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Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.





PARABLES OF THE LOST SHEEP AND COIN

Discover the hidden words.

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Word Bank

SINNERS LAMP JESUS

FRIENDS HEAVEN REPENTANCE

PHARISEES SHEEP TAX
JOY COINS EAT

