

# The Lost Sheep

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## Teaching concepts:

God loves you and cares for you. God keeps calling you until you find your way to him. When you ask God to forgive you for the bad things you do, and ask him into your heart, He is so happy. God, and all the angels in heaven, celebrate and have a party!

## The Lesson:

**The Story:** One day Jesus told this story to a group of people who were following him. He told them that a shepherd had 100 sheep. He would count them every night. One night the shepherd only counted 99 so he left the 99 sheep and went looking for his little lost sheep. He looked everywhere and he didn't give up until he found it. He was so happy when he found his little lost sheep that he invited all his friends to his house to have a party to celebrate finding his little sheep.

## Read Luke 15:3-7

<sup>3</sup>Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?<sup>5</sup>And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders<sup>6</sup>and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'<sup>7</sup>I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Jesus told the people this story because he wanted them to know how much God loved them and cared for them. He was telling them that God is a lot like the shepherd in this story. God doesn't want you to be lost. If you don't know Jesus, you are lost. He keeps calling you until you find your way. When you ask God to forgive you and ask him into your heart, God and all the angels in heaven celebrate and have a party.

Read the following Bible Memory Verse from Luke 19:10.

**10For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."**

Did you know that Jesus cares about you as much as the shepherd cares about the lost sheep? Can you imagine Jesus and the angels in heaven rejoicing over you?

Let's pray and thank Jesus for never giving up on us. Let's tell Him that we are sorry for our sins and that we want to be his found sheep.

## Prayer:

Father, We thank you for your loving kindness, for caring about us, and forgiving us when we ask for your forgiveness. Help us to draw closer to you every day. And those around us who are lost and don't know You yet, give us the courage to tell them all about who You are and how much You love them. In Your name we pray, Amen.

## Family Discussion Questions

- \* Jesus tells a story about a shepherd. How many sheep did the shepherd have? 100
- \* How many sheep got lost? 1
- \* What did the shepherd do when he discovered that the sheep was lost? He left the 99 to look for the one until he found it.
- \* When he found the sheep was he angry with the sheep? No
- \* What did he do instead of being angry? He called his friends to rejoice with him.
- \* Who does the lost sheep represent? People who are lost from God. The tax collectors and sinners who had gathered around Jesus. You and me.
- \* What are some ways that we can be lost from God? We stop believing in God. We stop going to church. We stop praying. We disobey God. etc.
- \* How can you help a “lost” person find God?

## Activities

\*Watch the following video about [The Lost Sheep](#).

\***Bible Memory Verse Catch** ~ All you need for this game is a ball. Say the Bible Memory Verse from Luke 19:10. Have your child repeat the verse with you. Then, toss a ball back and forth. As you toss the ball, say one word of the verse. Repeat this game until your child/ren have memorized the verse.

\*[https://sermons4kids.com/lost\\_sheep\\_decoder.htm](https://sermons4kids.com/lost_sheep_decoder.htm)

\*[https://sermons4kids.com/lost\\_sheep\\_colorpg.htm](https://sermons4kids.com/lost_sheep_colorpg.htm)