

LOST—

describes people without God

Although all people sin, not all people trust Jesus to save them from the punishment of their sin. Those who have not believed that Jesus is the only way to be a child of God are described as lost. People who have trusted Jesus are described as saved.



KNOW

When we trust in Jesus, God adopts us and welcomes us into His family as His children.



UNDERSTAND

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.



DISCOVER

We receive the blessing of eternal life as an inheritance from God.

KEY VERSE: "HE ALSO RAISED US UP WITH HIM AND SEATED US WITH HIM IN THE HEAVENS IN CHRIST JESUS, SO THAT IN THE COMING AGES HE MIGHT DISPLAY THE IMMEASURABLE RICHES OF HIS GRACE THROUGH HIS KINDNESS TO US IN CHRIST JESUS." -EPHESIANS 2:6-7



JESUS TAUGHT THREE PARABLES

Tax collectors and sinners came to listen to Jesus teach. The religious leaders complained because Jesus welcomed sinners, so Jesus told them three parables to teach them about God.

Jesus said, "If a man has 100 sheep and loses one, what does he do? He leaves the 99 sheep in the open field and searches for the lost sheep until he finds it. Then he tells his friends, 'Let's celebrate! I found my lost sheep!'" Then Jesus said, "This is what heaven is like; there is more joy in heaven when one sinner repents and turns back to God than for 99 people who did not wander off."

Jesus said, "If a woman has 10 silver coins and loses one of them, what does she do? She lights a lamp, sweeps the house, and searches carefully until she finds it! Then she tells her friends, 'Let's celebrate! I found my lost coin!'" Then Jesus said, "This is what heaven is like. There is joy in heaven when one sinner repents and turns back to God."

Finally, Jesus said, "A man had two sons. The younger son said, 'Father, give me my inheritance today.' So the father gave his son his share. The younger son left home. He wasted his money and lived foolishly. There was a famine, and the people there did not have enough food. The son got a job feeding pigs. He was so hungry, even the pigs' food looked tasty."

"The younger son made a plan. He would go back to his father and admit he was wrong. He would ask to work for his father like the servants."

"So the younger son headed home. He was still a long way away when his father saw him coming. His father ran to him, threw his arms around him, and kissed him. The son began to apologize. 'I have sinned against God and against you,' he said."

"But the father told his servants, 'Let's celebrate with a feast! Bring the best robe and put it on my son! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. This son of mine was lost, and now he is found!'"

"At this time, the older son came from the fields and heard music at the house. 'What's going on?' he asked one of the servants."

"'Your brother is here,' the servant said. 'Your father is celebrating.' "The older brother was angry! He refused to go to the feast. The father asked him to come inside. 'Look!' the older brother said. 'I never disobeyed you! But you never threw a party for me.'"

"'Son,' the father said, 'everything I have is yours. We have to celebrate and be happy. Your brother was lost and is found.'"

— based on Luke 15





What We Have in Christ



Jesus came to seek and save the lost. Explain that people sometimes use the word lost to describe people whose identity is broken by sin and without God, those who have not trusted Jesus as their Savior. Jesus taught people that He came to save people from their sins. Just like people are happy when something lost is found, all of heaven is happy when a person turns from sin to trusting in Jesus.

Key Verse: Ephesians 2:5-6

Key Passage: Jesus Taught Three Parables

BIBLE STORY

Together read the Bible story on page 39 of your child's Activity Book and ask the following review questions.

- **Q1:** Jesus spent time teaching people whom the religious leaders did not like. Who were they?
- **A1:** Sinners and tax collectors (*Luke 15:2*)
- **Q2:** What did that man do when he found his lost sheep?
- **A2:** He invited his friends and neighbors to celebrate with him. (*Luke 15:6*)
- **Q3:** What did the woman do when she lost one of her coins?
- **A3:** She lit a lamp and searched the house carefully until she found it. (*Luke 15:8*)
- **Q4:** How did the father greet the younger son in the third parable when he returned home?
- **A5:** He greeted his son warmly, joyfully, lovingly, and with compassion. (*Luke 15:20*)

DEEPER STUDY

Read Ephesians 1:3-8 and 13 together and discuss the following questions.

- **Q1:** Read verses 3-8 and complete the following statements: I am _____; I am _____; I am _____; I am _____; I am _____. Discuss the meaning of each of these identities with your child.
- **A1:** I am blessed, I am chosen, I am adopted, I am redeemed, I am forgiven, I am sealed
- **Q2:** Which one of these statements is easiest or more difficult to identify with and believe? Explain.
- **A2:** Answers will vary.

PRAY AND JOURNAL

Pray with your child, thanking God for all of the spiritual blessings He gives us in Jesus when we trust in Him. Ask Him to help your family remember your identity this week—who God says you are.

Encourage your child to complete the daily Bible study and journal pages this week. Be available to answer any questions throughout



DIGGING DEEPER:

The Book of Ephesians is a letter Paul wrote to the Christians in the city of Ephesus. Paul was probably in prison in Rome while he wrote this letter. Ephesians tells readers about Christ, His church, the Holy Spirit, salvation, and how to live the Christian life. Find each of these verses and write beside the reference which of those things is mentioned.

Ephesians 1:9 _____

Ephesians 1:13 _____

Ephesians 3:10 _____

Ephesians 2:8 _____

Ephesians 4:25-26 _____

In what way can the messages in Ephesians help you? _____



COLOR CUES

Use one color to fill in the words that appear in Ephesians 2:6.

Use another color to fill in words that appear in Ephesians 2:7.

Use a third color to fill in words that appear in both verses.

Use the words to help you recall and say the verses by memory. Are there words you don't understand? If so, ask your teacher or a parent to help you know what the verses mean.



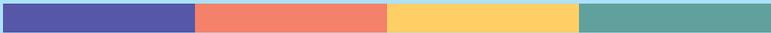
LOST AND FOUND WORD SEARCH

Find in the puzzle the words from the Word Box. Some of the words are from the Bible story and some are words that tell what a person has when he trusts Jesus as Savior.

WORD BOX

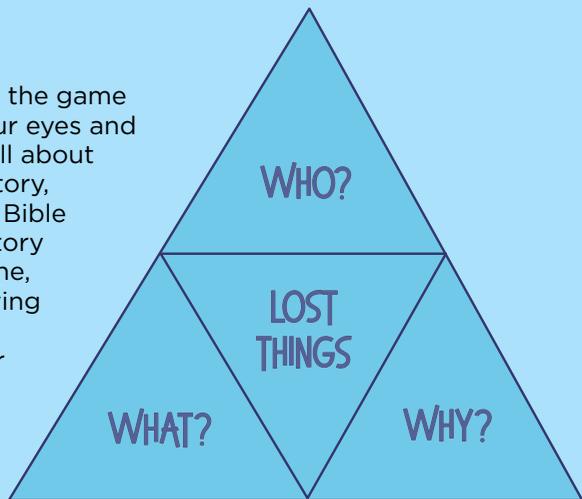
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LOST THINGS

Close your eyes and try to touch the game board with your finger. Open your eyes and see where your finger landed. Tell about someone who was in the Bible story, something that happened in the Bible story, or why something in the story happened. If you are playing alone, take another turn. If you are playing with someone else, let the other person take a turn. Try to answer a different question each time.



WHAT WE HAVE IN CHRIST

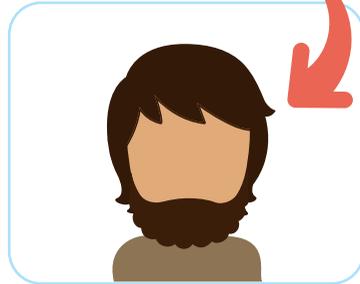
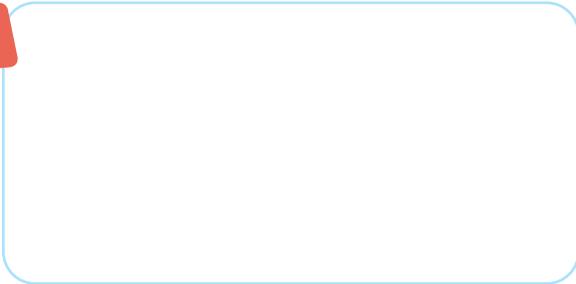
MY DAILY JOURNAL

A journal is a place to keep track of your thoughts, feelings, questions, answers, and prayers. During the study, these pages will guide you to use your Bible, to think about what you read, and to give you suggestions for prayer.



READ LUKE 15:3-7

Draw what the man lost and then found. Draw on the man's face the way you think he felt when he found what was lost.



Jesus told a story about sheep, but He wanted the people to learn something about Him. He wanted people to know that He was looking for those who are lost (without God) and wanted to save them (bring them to God).

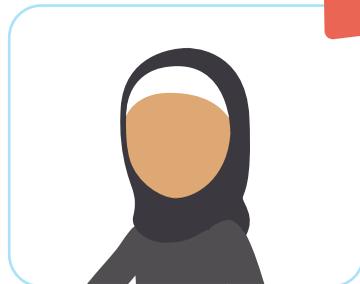
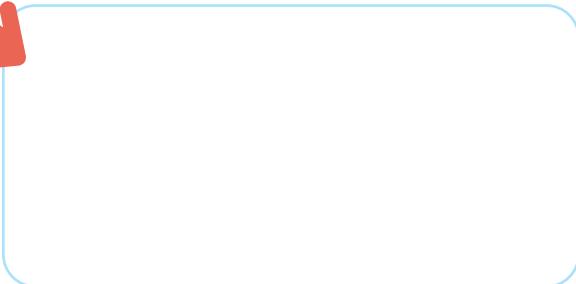
Thank God for sending Jesus to look for those who need Him and to provide salvation for those who ask Him.

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READ LUKE 15:8-10

Draw what was lost and then found in this story. How did the woman feel when she found what was lost?



The second story Jesus told is about money, but He wanted the people to learn something about Him. What do you think He wanted them to learn?.....

Match these words with their definitions. Use the words in your answer to the question above.

LOST
SAVED

RESCUED FROM THE PUNISHMENT OF SIN
PEOPLE WITHOUT GOD

Praise Jesus for coming to earth to die, be buried, be resurrected, and return to heaven. Write your thoughts about the story of the lost coin and about the joy Jesus has when someone trusts Him for salvation.....



READ LUKE 15:11-24

In this Bible story told by Jesus, the father did not misplace his son, but he did not know where his son was. How did the father react when his son came home? Circle things the father gave his son.....

- ROBE
- CAMELS
- RING
- SANDALS
- WATER JUGS
- FOOD

How do you think the father felt when his son came back?.....

When Jesus comes to anyone who is lost (without God) and brings them to God, He feels great joy just like the people in the three stories in Luke 15.

Do you know anyone who is without God? If so, pray that the person will come to know God. Ask God how you can help the person come to God. If you thought of someone who is lost, print his initials in this box. Begin to pray for this person every day.





WHAT WE HAVE IN CHRIST



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READ LUKE 15:25-31

The father was glad to see his younger son, but how did the older brother feel?

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What two things did the brother complain about in verses 29-30?

1)

2)

Which brother do you think pleased his father the most?

YOUNGER OLDER

When you pray today, talk to God about ways to be sure you aren't jealous or angry about the good others are getting. Ask Him to help you be glad for what others have and thankful for what you have.



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READ EPHESIANS 1:3-13

Sometimes when people trust Jesus as Savior, they think most about God's promise of eternal life with Him, but there are many more blessings! What two blessings do you find in verse 7?

1)

2)

How many blessings can you count in today's Bible passage?

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If you have already trusted Jesus as Savior and Lord, thank Him for the blessings you have. If you have not yet trusted Jesus as Savior and Lord, tell Him why you are waiting.

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