

Lost and Found

Luke 15:1–32

Three Stories

1. Luke 15:4–6
2. Luke 15:8–9
3. Luke 15:11–20

Three Essential Elements

1. Something of Great Value Was _____

Application:

2. The Missing Item Warranted an _____

Application:

3. Retrievals Result in _____

Application:

Six Things to Consider

1. Pray for non-Christian friends and family.
2. Practice strategic consumerism.
3. Develop an impact list.
4. Invite people to church or your small group.
5. Attend the 401 class.
6. Participate in “50 for 50.”

For the Family—The Lost Sheep

Read Together Luke 15:1–7

Talk together about the two groups in verses 1–2: One group was “drawing near to hear” Jesus. The other group “grumbled, saying ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’”

This group thought Jesus was wrong because he spent time with sinners. So he told a story to show them it was their grumbling about him that was wrong.

Retell the Story of *The Lost Sheep*. The shepherd realizes that one of his sheep is lost. He leaves the 99 sheep safely behind, and searches until he finds the lost sheep. When he finds it, he gently places it on his shoulders and returns home.

The shepherd is so happy that he found his lost sheep, that he throws the village a party. He wants people to celebrate with him.

When he finished the story, Jesus said: “Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

Explain that this is a picture of what happens when someone receives Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Heaven throws a party!

Read Luke 19:10—For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.

Explain that Jesus came to search for lost people, those who don’t yet know him. He invites us to be a part of that.

Talk together about what you can do as a family to encourage people to be a part of God’s kingdom. Think of people you could invite to Wednesday night Youth or Children’s program. Think of someone you could invite to Easter services.

Pray together that you will have an opportunity to invite someone to come to church with you. Pray that you will be part of the group that draws near to hear God’s Word, and not belong to the group that grumbles.