

PARABLES OF LOST AND FOUND

Bible Text: Luke 15

Lesson Focus: God always makes the extra effort to find the lost and bring them home.

Big Question: Does God really look for everyone who is lost?

Key Words: LOST, FOUND, GRACE, FORGIVENESS, CELEBRATE

BIBLE CONNECTION

-] The “parables of the lost” have a common theme: God’s grace is radical and real! God will always go the extra mile for us!
-] The story of the lost sheep (Luke 15:3-7) is a reminder that God loves everyone and that there isn’t anything God won’t do to find those who are lost.
-] The story of the lost coin (Luke 15:8-10) is a reminder that no one is too small or insignificant for God to love.
-] The story of the lost son (Luke 15:11-32) is a reminder that God is ready and willing to forgive our sins, even before we ask.
-] Just as the shepherd, the woman, and the father all celebrated, God celebrates even more when the lost are found.

CARTOON CONNECTION

-] Name your most prized possession. If you lost this item, how long would you look for it?
-] Remember a time when you did lose something important to you. How did you feel when you found this item?
-] Consider the last time you felt lost or separated from God. How did you find your way back to God?



STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 228: How to Be Saved (by Grace through Faith and Not by Your Good Works)

-] GRACE—God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense
-] What can we do to receive God’s grace?
-] What has God done so that you can receive God’s grace?
-] What is it like to realize that NOTHING you do or don’t do will cause God to love you any more or any less? And to realize that NOTHING you do will guarantee you a spot in heaven? And to realize that these truths apply to everyone else too?

LIFE CONNECTION

Looking ahead to the next week, choose a day and keep a journal for the entire day of when you see “grace moments” taking place. Write down each event, when and where it took place, and who was involved. Be sure to make note of your own feelings about those moments of grace. Also note when or if you are able to share grace with someone else. Bring your journal to the next class session.

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Word Search

Answer the clues below, then find and circle the answers in the word search.

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N Z V F V A A X Y K P V U Y M X V Q
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Y O U N G E R W V C K I I H O H Y U

1. God's grace is for _____.
2. In the story of the lost sheep, the shepherd left the _____ - _____ to search for the one (Luke 15:4).
3. God rejoices when a sinner _____ (Luke 15:7).
4. In the story of the lost coin, the _____ searched desperately for her one lost coin (Luke 15:8).
5. When she found the coin, she _____ (Luke 15:9).
6. In the parable of the lost son, the _____ brother demanded his inheritance (Luke 15:12).
7. After squandering his inheritance, he ate with the _____ (Luke 15:16).
8. The older brother was _____ that his dad threw a party for his brother (Luke 15:28).
9. You are saved by grace through _____ (Ephesians 2:8).
10. You can't get to heaven by your _____ (Ephesians 2:9).

Answers: 1. everyone 2. ninety-nine 3. repents 4. woman 5. rejoiced 6. younger 7. pigs 8. angry 9. faith 10. works