

LOL Family Ministry Take Home Lesson

Ms. Tonya & Ms. Becky have put together a story & activities that can be done together while the LOL Kids are part over the next few Sundays! Take some pictures while you are doing the activities and send post them on our LOL KIDS Facebook Page- Linked on the email. We want to see all our friends having fun!!!

We will miss our families and look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

This week's lesson is about- The Parable of the Lost Son

Bible Verse- Luke 15:11-32

Wonder Question? Why does Jesus care about lost things?

Story Summary: The story of the prodigal and his brother is the last of three stories that Jesus tells about lost things in Luke 15. Jesus often told stories using parables to illustrate his point. The parable of the lost son begins with the younger son being greedy and asking for his inheritance before his father has died. The son wastes all his money and ends up in poverty. The younger son thinks he would have the status of a servant if he came home but decides that it would be worth it even to be just that. At the sight of his son, the father shows a grand display of love and affection as he runs to him, like no self-respecting Jew would do. The father receives his son, adopting him back as a son, not a servant. The son never expected his father to respond this way and neither did the other brother who stayed home and did what he was supposed to do. Really, both these sons were lost in different ways, they just didn't know it. Jesus is telling us in this parable that we have a Father who is searching for his children—those who are far and those who near.

Story- See attachments

Questions for Family Discussion:

1. Have you ever been lost?
2. What did it feel like to be lost?
3. Have you ever lost something that was really, important to you?
4. What did you do to try to find it?
5. If it was found, how did you feel when it was returned to you?

Comparisons- Think it through.....

Younger Brother Did he run away or stay home? How did this son dishonor his father? How did the father respond to his son's behavior? What do you think it would take for the father to stop loving this son? What do you think the son will do next?

Older Brother Did he run away or stay home? How did this son dishonor his father? How did the father respond to his son's behavior? What do you think it would take for the father to stop loving this son? What do you think the son will do next?

Deeper Discussion:

1. Have you ever felt like the younger brother?
2. Have you taken something you shouldn't have and feel terrible about it?
3. Made your friends or brothers and sisters jealous of you when you get a special treat?
4. Been disrespectful of your parents or grown-ups?
5. How do you think God would treat you if you asked for forgiveness?
6. How do you think those that you have hurt would feel if you asked for forgiveness?
7. How did the father react in the story when the son came home?

Object Lesson- Love always shines through- Ms. Tonya and Ms. Becky have an object lesson that you can do at home. We have a video that we have included to show this activity. Watch the video and then see if you can do it yourself.

Video- <https://youtu.be/EmxL2ifqTto>

Supplies:

Paper towels

Bowl/ pan - large enough for paper towel to float inside.

Water- water goes inside the bowl or pan so the paper towel will float.

Sharpie Markers

Directions- Take a paper towel and fold it in half- like a card. I used the tall side. Draw a shape on the outside. (I drew a heart). This is an outline only- do not color it in. On the inside of the paper towel card draw the same shape- but color it in.

Once completed hold the paper towel card above the water. You only see the outline picture.

This is like the son who had an empty heart- he thought he would not be loved the same because of his actions. But.....

Now drop the paper towel in the water- WOW- the image from the inside shows through!

Just like God's love shines through no matter what we do.....or the father in the story, his love for his son showed through all his son had done. The image you colored inside the paper towel card shows through the outline on the front.

Try it again with different designs and colors.

Remember -God loves you no matter what and when we are struggling, he searches for us.

Video- We have linked a video of the story to the email for you to watch.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=kids+story+of+the+lost+son&view=detail&mid=52428B9D3B948354EAA652428B9D3B948354EAA6&FORM=VIRE>

Game- The son in the story was lost in his heart and had to find his way back home. Find 2 or 3 small things you and your family can play Hide and Seek with. Take turns hiding and finding. Did you find them all? What would happen if you could not find one?

Snack Idea- In the story the lost son got so hungry after he lost all his money that he would have eaten the scrapes he was feeding the pigs. Scrapes are leftovers and pieces that were cut off. If you have some crackers or slices of bread- try tearing them into small pieces. Do they taste the same? What if many different kinds were mixed and got wet? Would you want to eat like that all the time?

We are very blessed to have a God that loves us no matter what and parents who take care of us no matter what.

Ok- Don't forget to post some pictures of your Object lesson / snack/ and silly games!