



THE LOST SHEEP

THE SHEPHERD'S FIELD



Hello Explorers! My name is Zelli and I am your faithful guide for your adventure today. An Explorer loves a good map! See mine? Nobody likes being lost because we are separated from things and people we know and love. Being lost can be a scary thing because we are all by ourselves. Today Jesus is telling us about the type of love he has for us, that if we ever become lost, he will not stop looking until He finds you. Just like your parents!

A good explorer pays close attention, there is always something new to discover. Let's explore!

PRACTICE YOUR PRAYERS

Let's get our Prayer Guide and practice our prayers! Let's start with the Sign of the Cross and Grace before meals. Then we can pick other prayers to practice.

Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord,
And these thy gifts,
Which we are about to receive,
From thy bounty
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Jesus was talking to his followers and was explaining the way that God loves us. He said that he was the "Good Shepherd," who lovingly cares for his sheep. A shepherd protects his sheep against big bad wolves and thieves. He makes sure they are fed. He makes sure they have shelter. And He makes sure they can be as happy as sheep can be. Being a shepherd is hard work and requires a lot of sacrifice, but Jesus is happy to do the job.

Jesus reminded the people that the sheep know the shepherd and the shepherd knows the sheep, each by name. Though there are many sheep, Jesus loves each sheep with all his heart.

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Jesus was talking to the crowd about how he loves children. He said, "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.

What is your opinion? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the one that is missing? And if he finds it, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that were not lost. In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost."



SHARE YOUR IDEAS

If you are lost, it is always a good idea to stay where you are unless it is unsafe to do so. As Jesus told us, the grown ups who are in charge of you will look for you. Even Jesus was lost when he was a little boy. Mary and Joseph were worried sick, and didn't stop looking until they found him. Jesus saw how worried they were and promised to be more careful in the future.



1. Do you like to play hide-and-seek? What makes this game so much fun?
2. How do you feel when you find someone that you were looking for?
3. When we do something wrong we often feel bad. But how do you feel when someone forgives you and tells you that they still love you?
4. An Explorer is a good finder! We always find a way to get something done. What is a way that you can be more loving today?

St. Anthony is the Patron Saint of finding lost things! When you lose something, ask him for help. "St. Anthony, come around, something is lost and must be found. Amen."

SPECIAL PROJECT

It is time to complete our special project for the day and then we can collect our Hope Gem by checking it off on our Adventure Map. Find the special project with the number 6 label and follow the instructions inside! Great job Explorer!