

# LOST X FOUND

**TITLE:**

Lost & Found

**THEMES:**

God celebrates every time that lost people come to him, and we should too!

**BASED AROUND:**

Party and celebration each session and activities linked around this

THEME	KEY TAKEAWAY	FROM THE BIBLE	LET'S PARY	WORSHIP	ACTIVITY	CREATE!
Session 01 The Lost Sheep	We can celebrate every new person who becomes friends with Jesus.	Luke 15:3-7 The Parable of the Lost Sheep	Paper chain prayer	'As the World Shakes' Hillsong Kids	Cross the River	Cotton Wool Sheep
Session 02 The Lost Coin	We can celebrate every new person who becomes friends with Jesus.	Luke 15: 8-10: Parable of the Lost Coin	Paper chain prayer	'Jesus love is very Wonderful' Nick and Becky Drake	Hide coins around the room for children to find	Coin Etchings
Session 03 The Lost Son	God welcomes home anyone who comes back to Him.	Luke 15:11-32 Parable of The Lost Son	Paper chain prayer	'God is Good' Worship for everyone	Treasure dash and stash	Make your own bunting

# THE LOST SHEEP

## THEME:

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

## KEY TAKEAWAY:

We can celebrate every new person who becomes friends with Jesus.

## FROM THE BIBLE:

**Luke 15:1-7**

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

## TOGETHER TIME:

### Set the Scene

Ask the children if they have ever lost anything and couldn't find it. Had to go searching for it. Let children share their stories. You, as the leader or helper, may want to share your own story. (This will help to engage the children into the theme of the story). Then ask 'How did you feel when you found the item you lost?'

### Tell the story

This can be read from the Bible or if you have a children's Bible, many will have this parable in their too.

### Go Deeper (Application)

- Who is important to God? Everyone!
- How do you think a sheep feels when it is lost? (could also share stories here about getting lost somewhere and feeling scared or worried).

What did the shepherd do when he found his lost sheep? Rejoiced! (Celebrated!).

### Helpful input

Everyone is important to God whether they know Him or not. He wants them to know Him and follow Him. We can play a part in sharing God's love with other people. We can celebrate when new people become followers (or friends) of Jesus.

### Takeaway Challenge

How can you share your friendship with Jesus with your friends this week?

## LET'S PRAY:

### Paper chain prayers

You will need:

- Strips of coloured paper
- Glue

Children write or draw a prayer saying thank you to God for something that they've done or received this week. This could be done in small groups or pairs to chat. Join the strips of paper with prayers together to make a long chain of 'Thank you' prayers.

## WORSHIP:

### As the World Shakes

Hillsong Kids

Learn the actions here: [As The World Shakes – Action/Motions Video](#)

Link to Lyrics video: [As The World Shakes \(Lyric Video\) – Hillsong Kids](#)

## ACTIVITY:

### Cross the River

What you need: Multiple pieces of paper, start and finish line

- Split the children into groups and have them line up behind the start
- Give the children 1-2 less pieces of paper than there are of them.
- Tell the children they need to use the pieces of paper as stepping stones from the start to the finish line.

Rules:

- You can only have one person standing on each piece of paper
- You cannot rip or tear the paper to make more stepping stones.

## CREATE!

### Cotton wool sheep.

Resources needed:

- White card
- Cotton wool
- Black card
- Googly eyes
- Glue

## CLOSE

# THE LOST COIN

## THEME:

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

## KEY TAKEAWAY:

We can celebrate every new person who becomes friends with Jesus.

## FROM THE BIBLE:

**Luke 15:8-10**

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

## TOGETHER TIME:

### Set the Scene

Have you ever been doing something, maybe tidying your room and found a toy/object you haven't seen for a while or thought you had lost? Share an example of this if you have one.

### Tell the story

This can be read from the Bible or if you have a children's Bible, many will have this parable in their too.

### Go Deeper (Application)

How do you feel when you find something you've lost?

- What do you think this tells us about how God feels about us?
- True or false: We are important to God?

### Helpful input

*The lost coin was really important to the woman. She searched and searched until she found it. God feels the same way about us. Everybody is important to Him. The angels in heaven celebrate with God when someone becomes a follower of God!*

### Takeaway Challenge

Tell someone this week that they are important to God.

## LET'S PRAY:

### Paper Chain Prayers

Following on from session 1, Continue adding prayers to the paper chain asking God for help with something this week (For example: making friends, a friend who is poorly or sad, finding something difficult at school).

## WORSHIP:

**Jesus Love is Very Wonderful** (Stretch Up High)

*Nick and Becky Drake*

Link for actions and lyrics video: [Jesus' Love Is Very Wonderful \(Stretch Up High\) by Worship for Everyone // Nick & Becky Drake](#)

## ACTIVITY:

### Option 1

Hide coins around the room and ask the children to find them.

### Option 2

Have boxes filled with sand, shredded paper etc and have objects hidden inside them for the children to find

## CREATE!

### Coin etchings

Resources needed:

- Different coins
- Paper
- Pencils

## CLOSE

# THE LOST SON

## THEME:

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

## KEY TAKEAWAY:

God welcomes home anyone who comes back to Him.

## FROM THE BIBLE:

Luke 15:1-7

The Parable of the Lost Son

## TOGETHER TIME:

### Set the Scene

Ask the children if they have ever lost anything you really cared about? You had to go searching for it. Let children share their stories. You, as the leader or helper, may want to share your own story. (This will help to engage the children into the theme of the story). Then ask 'How did you feel when you found the item you lost?'

### Tell the story

Use a children's Bible or story book version.

Recommendation Steph Williams - The Dad who Never Gave up

### Go Deeper

- What does this story tell us about how God feels about us?
- Have you ever done something that your parents/carers said not to? Did they forgive you?
- What do you think about the eldest son's reaction? How would you feel in his situation?
- What does the relationship between the eldest son and father teach us about God.

### Notes for leaders

These questions can be adapted depending on the age of the children in your group. For younger children you may just want to focus on the youngest son.

God wants everyone to come to Him- when they do it is a good reason to celebrate!



## LET'S PRAY:

### Paper chain prayers

Pray for someone you know to find Jesus

You will need:

- Strips of coloured paper
- Glue sticks
- Pens

Write the name of someone you know who you want to know Jesus. Join them together and pray as a group over this list.

## WORSHIP

### 'God is Good'

*Worship for Everyone*

<https://youtu.be/0nnsUdXuXjg>

## ACTIVITY

### Treasure dash and stash

*You will need:*

- 2 trays
- Some objects
- Start and finish line

Split the children into groups (2-5).

The children take turns running and collecting one item at a time from the middle and taking it back to their area. Keep going until there are no more items left in the middle. The group with the most items wins.

If the children in your group are older, you can allow them to take items from each other's piles.

## CREATE!

### Decorate your own bunting

*You will need:*

- Ribbon or string
- Coloured card
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Stickers
- Colouring pens

## CLOSE

# UP FRONT - LOST & FOUND

## THEME

Lost and Found

## KEY TAKEAWAY

To get the youngsters looking for who has the Lost sheep in the congregation and all rejoice when found.

## FROM THE BIBLE

**Luke 15: 1-7**

Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep

## TALK

### Set the Scene

Come on young people, come out the front and let's see what we have in the bag today. I need help from five of you to reach in the bag and pull out a sheep!!

(There will be five sheep in the bag in little bags or envelopes – one has the words lost on it four have the words hungry)

Now all the rest of you youngsters face the front, don't look

Will you five with sheep go and give them to people here today

Go on make sure you spread them out all around the church

All done – great

Now Children what noise does a sheep make?

Anyone of you good at being a noisy sheep!

*Baaaa Baaaa Maaa Maaa etc*

Now here's a thing about sheep:

- Sometimes they will make a noise (baaa or Maaaa) if they are hungry or thirsty
- Sometimes they will Baaa or Maaa if they are lost

### Going Deeper – Find the Lost Sheep

It's not good to be lost – can you guys find the lost sheep?

Only one of the five sheep in the congregation is lost

Will the five sheep in the congregation here today please start Maaa ing and Baaa ing

Right children go and find the lost sheep!!!

Ask them if they are lost or hungry.

Have we found the lost sheep?

Let's hold the lost sheep up and celebrate let's rejoice because the lost sheep is found

The Shepherd says 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep'

If you don't know Jesus you are lost in this world

### Bible Verses

#### **Luke 15: 1-7 – Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep**

**1** Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him.

**2** But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

**3** Then Jesus told them this parable:

**4** "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

**5** And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders

**6** and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'

**7** I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent

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