



Unit 6, Lesson 23

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: THE LOST SHEEP LUKE 15:1-7

THE STORY HOME

Let's take a closer look at today's Epic story. You see, Jesus loves everyone. Crowds follow Him. Even men and women with bad behaviors and reputations hang with Jesus. The church leaders are not pleased, and they growl, "He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends." Jesus knows their grumbling and tells a story about a shepherd. In the story the shepherd has 100 sheep but one gets lost. The concerned, loving shepherd looks high and low, in the woods, and out in the fields. When he finds the one lost sheep, the relieved shepherd celebrates. Jesus explains to the listeners that God actively seeks the lost. All heaven rejoices when one sinner on earth asks for forgiveness and wants God to lead her or him. Read this Bible story of the lost sheep in Luke 15:1-7.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- How do you feel when you find something that was lost?
- Where is your best spot to hide a toy?
- Let's pretend. What do you think a party in heaven is like?
- I wonder why God is happy when people ask for forgiveness for sins?

TOGETHER HOME

Hide and Seek: Children love games, they play to learn, and learn better when having fun. Gather the family in the yard and play hide and seek together. Choose one person to be the seeker. Each time the family members hide, the seeking person must hunt for them. The first one found must repeat the memory verse from 1 John 1:9. When all other family members are found, the first one found then becomes the seeker for the next round of the game. Remember to celebrate in some way when each person is found!

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

What a joy to repeat and remember this promise, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness," (1 John 1:9). You can repeat it in the morning when everyone is eating breakfast, or when running errands, or at bedtime when the children are most relaxed and receptive.

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