



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 5, Lesson 23

The Lost Sheep

Lesson Aim: To know God pursues sinners and brings them back to Himself.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the most valuable thing you have lost?

GAME: Search for the Sheep

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO TEACHES

Read Worship Scripture: Genesis 28:15.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Critter Kingdom script or read storybook.

THE WORD THE LOST SHEEP

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus was taken up to heaven.

Today, we will hear a story Jesus once told about a lost sheep.

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 15:1-7. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 15:6b. Pray. Read.

THE WAY JESUS LOVES AND SEEKS SINNERS

Who was gathering to hear Jesus? (Tax collectors and sinners.) **Who was muttering about Jesus welcoming sinners?** (Pharisees and teachers of the law.) **Who does the shepherd in this story represent?** (Jesus.) **How is Jesus like the shepherd? Who does the one lost sheep represent?** (One sinner.) **How are we like sheep?** (Our hearts wander away from following Jesus.) **Why do we wander away from Jesus?** (Sometimes we focus so much on other things that our hearts wander away from Jesus.)

How many sheep did the shepherd leave to search for the one? (99.) **Suppose the 99 sheep represent the Pharisees who think they are righteous and don't think they need to repent. Why do you think Jesus chose to tell this story as the self-righteous Pharisees were muttering about sinners?**

How does the shepherd's love for one lost sheep compare with Jesus' love for one sinner? How does Jesus' love for sinners compare to the attitude of the Pharisees toward sinners?

Just as the shepherd searched until he found his sheep, Jesus reaches out to sinners until they repent. How can our hearts stay close with Jesus? (Think about Him; pray; read the Bible; as we make choices, think about what He wants us to do.) **How might remembering Jesus is with you, help you make choices that are right in God's eyes?**

If time allows, play WHAT CAN HAPPEN in the GOT TIME? segment.

Is the shepherd angry with the sheep for wandering away? (No.) **Do you think Jesus is angry with us when we wander from Him?** (No.) **To repent is to turn back to God and do things His way. What does the shepherd do when he finds his one lost sheep? What did Jesus say happens in heaven when a sinner repents?** (Rejoicing.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Hundreds of years before Jesus told the Parable of the Lost Sheep, David wrote about the Lord as our Shepherd. When King David was young, he was a shepherd. He understood how the Lord is like a shepherd to us. Reveal Psalm 23. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Kingdom Parable Journal, The Lost Sheep Kingdom Parable Sticker
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #23
- OFFERING OF ART: The shepherd finding his lost sheep
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Lost Sheep Snack

GAME: What Can Happen?

CRAFT: Parable Wind Chimes–The Lost Sheep

BONUS PARABLE: The Good Gifts

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Getting To Know You, Color Decode, The Wave

KINGDOM PARABLE REVIEW