



**At-A-Glance: Camp Venture
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 5, Lesson 23**

The Lost Sheep

Lesson Aim: To recognize we wander like sheep and Jesus is our Shepherd.

THE WELCOME – CAMP GAMES

CAMP GAMES: Introduction to Camp Games

THE WORSHIP – AT THE CAMPFIRE

JESUS AS THE KING WHO TEACHES

We gather at the campfire to worship Jesus as the King who teaches. As our Teacher, Jesus told stories called parables to teach us about His kingdom. Today, we will hear the Parable of the Lost Sheep. Just as the shepherd watches over and rescues any lost sheep, Jesus is our Shepherd watching over us. Read Worship Scripture: Genesis 28:15.

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

Perform Critter Kingdom script or read storybook. Recite Camper's Code.

THE WORD & THE WAY – TENT TIME

KINGDOM PARABLE

Camp Covenant.

Welcome to Tent Time! At the campfire, we talked about the Parable of the Lost Sheep. A parable is a story. Jesus told parables to teach us about the kingdom of God.

Listen carefully as I read the parable Jesus told over 2,000 years ago. You'll find it in Luke 15:4-7. If you brought your Bible, you may read along silently with me.

Before we read, let's stand and ask God to open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to His Word today. Who would like to pray that for us? Choose a camper to pray aloud. Read Luke 15:4 -7.

Who does the shepherd stand for in this parable? (Jesus.) Who does the lost sheep stand for? (Someone who has wandered away from God.) Jesus is the Good Shepherd for all who believe in Him. Jesus loves His own sheep. He always finds them when they wander away.

How can we stay close to Jesus? (Think about Him; pray and read the Bible; as we make choices, think about what He wants us to do.) **Why is it unwise to do our daily activities without remembering to stay close to Jesus?** (We forget to do what Jesus would do. We may be tempted to sin—to do things that are wrong in God's eyes.)

When we wander away from Jesus, we may be tempted to sin by making wrong choices. What did Jesus say happens in heaven whenever a sinner repents and turns back to following Jesus? (There is rejoicing, which is celebrating.)

PARABLE PAL

During Tent Time, we always open our Camp Cooler to find something from our Parable Pal about the kingdom of God. Let's see what our Parable Pal can show us about the lost sheep. Counselor opens cooler and reads the letter from the Parable Pal.

SHARE A PRAYER

Requests and the Lord's Prayer

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- KINGDOM PARABLE JOURNAL: Kingdom Parable Journal, The Lost Sheep Kingdom Parable Sticker
- CHALLENGE: DAILY WAY OR W³
- PARABLE POSTER PROJECT: The Lost Sheep
- LETTERS FROM CAMP
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Lost Sheep Snack

GAME: Search for the Sheep

CRAFT: Parable Wind Chimes–The Lost Sheep

DISCUSSION: Being Lost and Found

BONUS PARABLE: The Good Gifts

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