



**At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7**  
**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**

**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 parable Jesus once told about a lost sheep.**

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 15:4-7. Pray. Read.

### **THE WAY WE WANDER AWAY FROM JESUS**

**The lost sheep stands for a sinner—someone who as done wrong in God's eyes. Who does the shepherd stand for? (Jesus.)**

**Sheep often wander off as they nibble at grass further and further away from their shepherd until soon, they are lost. The Bible says we are like sheep. Have you ever wandered away from your parent or caregiver and then realized you were lost? (Children respond.)**

**What were you paying attention to when you wandered away? (Children respond.) Who found you? (Children respond.) In the same way, we sometimes focus so much on other things that our hearts wander away from Jesus and we forget to stay close with Him.**

**Grass far away is the same as grass near the shepherd's feet. How is nibbling on far away grass unwise for a sheep? (They may wander into danger or become lost.) The sheep can stay close to the shepherd and still eat. How can our hearts 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 with 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 our hearts wander away from Jesus, we may be tempted to sin by making wrong choices.**

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

**What does the shepherd do when he finds his one lost sheep?** (He joyfully puts it on his shoulders, brings it home, and invites his friends and neighbors to rejoice with him.) **To repent is to turn back to God and do things His way. What did Jesus say happens in heaven when a sinner repents?** (There is rejoicing, which is celebrating.)

**A shepherd knows when one of his sheep is missing or in danger. He never gives up until he finds his lost sheep. Jesus is like a shepherd watching over His followers. He knows when we are far from Him or in trouble with sin. He brings us back to Him when our hearts wander.**

### **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. 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
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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**