



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
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 ever 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 15:4-7. Find It First. Highlight

Key Verse: Luke 15:6b. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY WE WANDER AWAY FROM JESUS

**Why do sheep wander?** (They nibble at grass further and further away from their shepherd until soon, they are lost.) **Grass far away is the same as grass near the shepherd's feet. How is nibbling on grass far away unwise for a sheep?** (The sheep may wander into danger or become lost.)

**In this story, the lost sheep stands for a sinner—someone who has done wrong in God's eyes. Who does the shepherd stand for?**

(Jesus.) **Why do we wander away from Jesus?** (Sometimes we focus so much on other things that our hearts wander away from Jesus and we forget to stay close with Him.) **If you wander away from Jesus, how can you call out to Him?** (Pray.) **How can our hearts stay close with 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.) **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.

**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 one 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. Is the shepherd angry at the sheep for wandering away?** (No.) **Do you think Jesus is angry with us when we wander from Him?** (No.) **How is Jesus like a shepherd to us?** (He watches over His followers, He knows when we are far from Him or in trouble with sin, He brings us back to Him when their hearts wander from Him.)

### **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
- 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**