

Family Lenten Reading and Conversation



This spring, read through the Gospel of John together with your family. As you read, watch for and talk about the claims Christ made about who He is and what He has done. Consider ways you can respond to Him together and benefit those around you. Each week there will be questions provided here for discussion. This week's questions come from Luke 15:4-6 and John 10:11-18.

Talk about the pets you have had. (If you don't have any, talk about the pets you would like to have.) Discuss the process of getting a new pet, training it, and caring for it. What makes having a pet rewarding?

What would you do if you lost your favorite pet? Where and how would you search? Perhaps you have seen signs posted around the neighborhood by people who lost a pet. Would you offer a reward? If so, where would you get the money for a reward?

Read aloud Luke 15:4-6 and John 10:11-18.

- Jesus called Himself our Shepherd. He compared His children to a flock of sheep under His care. Many of the people listening to Him teach were shepherds. How are we like His sheep?
- Jesus says His sheep know His voice. How do you know His voice?
- If Jesus is the Shepherd and we are His sheep, how does He feel about one who is lost?
- List the things Jesus said a good shepherd would do for his sheep. Which of them did Jesus do?

Talk together about what we celebrate at Easter. When Jesus came to earth to die, He was being our Good Shepherd, coming for His lost sheep. Pray and thank Him that He came for you. Ask Him to help you know His voice and follow Him. Talk about the people in your life who don't yet belong to Jesus. Pray for them by name.

