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WHO GOD SAYS YOU ARE

AN 8-WEEK STUDY ON IDENTITY FOR KIDS



KIDS ACTIVITY BOOK

WEEK 1

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

**PARENTS! CHECK OUT PAGE 7- IT'S FOR YOU!!**

# WHAT WE ARE LEARNING:





**LOST—**

describes people without God

Although all people sin, not all people trust Jesus to save them from the punishment of their sin. Those who have not believed that Jesus is the only way to be a child of God are described as lost. People who have trusted Jesus are described as saved.



**KNOW**

When we trust in Jesus, God adopts us and welcomes us into His family as His children.



**UNDERSTAND**

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.



**DISCOVER**

We receive the blessing of eternal life as an inheritance from God.

KEY VERSE: "HE ALSO RAISED US UP WITH HIM AND SEATED US WITH HIM IN THE HEAVENS IN CHRIST JESUS, SO THAT IN THE COMING AGES HE MIGHT DISPLAY THE IMMEASURABLE RICHES OF HIS GRACE THROUGH HIS KINDNESS TO US IN CHRIST JESUS." —EPHESIANS 2:6-7



## JESUS TAUGHT THREE PARABLES

Tax collectors and sinners came to listen to Jesus teach. The religious leaders complained because Jesus welcomed sinners, so Jesus told them three parables to teach them about God.

Jesus said, "If a man has 100 sheep and loses one, what does he do? He leaves the 99 sheep in the open field and searches for the lost sheep until he finds it. Then he tells his friends, 'Let's celebrate! I found my lost sheep!'" Then Jesus said, "This is what heaven is like; there is more joy in heaven when one sinner repents and turns back to God than for 99 people who did not wander off."

Jesus said, "If a woman has 10 silver coins and loses one of them, what does she do? She lights a lamp, sweeps the house, and searches carefully until she finds it! Then she tells her friends, 'Let's celebrate! I found my lost coin!'" Then Jesus said, "This is what heaven is like. There is joy in heaven when one sinner repents and turns back to God."

Finally, Jesus said, "A man had two sons. The younger son said, 'Father, give me my inheritance today.' So the father gave his son his share. The younger son left home. He wasted his money and lived foolishly. There was a famine, and the people there did not have enough food. The son got a job feeding pigs. He was so hungry, even the pigs' food looked tasty."

"The younger son made a plan. He would go back to his father and admit he was wrong. He would ask to work for his father like the servants."

"So the younger son headed home. He was still a long way away when his father saw him coming. His father ran to him, threw his arms around him, and kissed him. The son began to apologize. 'I have sinned against God and against you,' he said."

"But the father told his servants, 'Let's celebrate with a feast! Bring the best robe and put it on my son! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. This son of mine was lost, and now he is found!'"

"At this time, the older son came from the fields and heard music at the house. 'What's going on?' he asked one of the servants."

"'Your brother is here,' the servant said. 'Your father is celebrating.' 'The older brother was angry! He refused to go to the feast. The father asked him to come inside. 'Look!' the older brother said. 'I never disobeyed you! But you never threw a party for me.'"

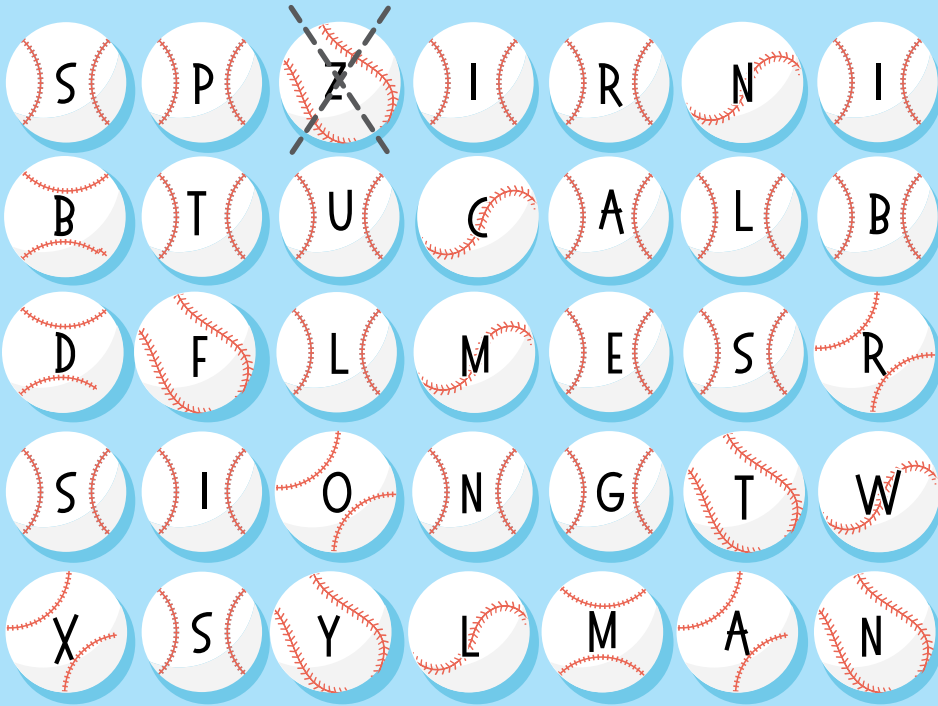
"'Son,' the father said, 'everything I have is yours. We have to celebrate and be happy. Your brother was lost and is found.'"

— based on Luke 15



**PLAY BALL!**

Look at the baseballs below. Cross out each one that does not look like this:

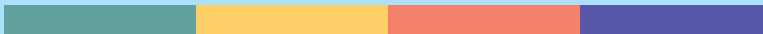
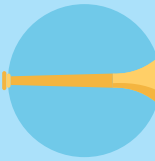


Start at the top left baseball. Move from left to right in each row. Write the letters that are not crossed out, in order, on the blanks below. What do believers have in Jesus?


You can check Ephesians 1:3 to see if you are right!

## X'S AND O'S

Circle the pictures that show what was lost in the stories Jesus told in Luke 15. Cross out the other pictures.



### DIGGING DEEPER

Jesus told three stories in Luke 15. Fill in the chart below after you find and read the verses. Write who lost something, what was lost, and how the finder felt.

	WHO?	WHAT?	HOW?
LUKE 15:4-6			
LUKE 15:8-9			
LUKE 15:11,13, 20,22-24			

Jesus told these three stories to help people know He came to find and to save those who are lost. Remember, the word *lost* describes people without God. Jesus wants lost people to come to God, so He finds them and calls them to trust in Him as their Savior and Lord.



**DIGGING DAILY**

Digging in the Bible means...

- reading Bible verses,
- thinking about what the verses mean,
- discovering what God wants you to know.

At the end of each week’s study, you will have a page to use privately as you talk to God in prayer.

Each day will have a Bible passage for you to read and think about. Each day will also have space for you to journal your thoughts, feelings, and questions to God. Now, get digging!



**READ LUKE 15:3-7**

Who told this story?.....  
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Have you ever lost something? How did you feel? Sheep were important to their owners in Bible times. They used their wool for clothing and blankets. They used them for food. When the sheep was found, everyone rejoiced with the owner. Did you find what you lost? How did you feel then? God feels even more joy when someone trusts Him.....  
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Thank God today for loving you so much.....  
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**READ LUKE 15:8-10**

Jesus told this story of a woman losing a costly coin. She had to search the whole house looking for it. Did she find it?

YES  NO

How did she feel then?.....  
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Jesus said there is happiness in heaven when any sinner repents from sin. People are valuable to Jesus. He wants each of them to trust Him and come to God.

Spend time today thanking Jesus for always seeking to bring lost people to God.

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**READ LUKE 15:11-19**

The younger son left home and spent all his money foolishly. What made him decide to go back home to his father?.....

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The young man decided to ask to be a servant in his father's house. How might it be different to go back home as a servant?.....

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One of the spiritual blessings God gives to believers is adoption into His family as His children. Thank God today that He loves everyone and wants them in His family. ....

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**READ LUKE 15:20-24**

How did the father welcome his son back home?.....

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The father had not misplaced his son, but he didn't know where he had gone. The father was happy to see the son. What in the Bible verses helps you know he was happy?.....

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Jesus told three stories about lost things that were found. He wanted people to know that He came to seek those who were without God and to save them from their sins.

What are some things you want to talk to God about in prayer?.....

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**READ EPHESIANS 1:3-7**

Paul was thankful to God when he wrote these verses. He thought about all the blessings God had given him.

Find these words (or words that mean the same thing) in the verses. Check off each one as you find it.

- ADOPTED    REDEMPTION    FORGIVENESS    WISDOM

If you have already trusted Jesus as Savior and Lord, thank Him for these blessings and others He gives.

If you have not yet trusted Jesus as Savior and Lord, thank Him for preparing blessings for you when you do make that decision.....

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