

Parable of the Lost Sheep



15 Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. ² This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

³ So Jesus told them this story: ⁴ “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. ⁶ When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!

Luke 15:1-7

New Living Translation

TALKING POINTS:

1. Who is most important to God? (*Trick question! God loves EVERYBODY the same!*)
2. How does God take care of you like the shepherd in Jesus' story?
3. If God celebrates every time a lost sheep is found, how should we feel when one of our friends meets Jesus for the first time?
4. How can you help your friends and family meet Jesus?



PRAY:

Pray together that you will each learn how important you are to God and that you will each help your friend comes to know God too!

MEMORY VERSE:

“All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on [Jesus] the sins of us all.”

Isaiah 53:6