

A Closer Look: *The Lost Sheep*

Luke 15:3-7

1. What is a parable? (*An earthly story with a heavenly meaning*)
2. Who are the sheep in this story? (*We are*) Who is the Shepherd? (*Jesus*)
3. How are we “lost”? (*Unbelief, sinning, forgetting about Jesus, not being told that Jesus died for our sins*)
4. Where does Jesus leave the 99 sheep while He looks for the lost? (*In a safe place*)
5. Name some safe places where Jesus would leave His sheep. (*With other Christians, in a Christian family, in the Word of God*)
6. How are we “found”? (*Hearing the Word, talking to God in prayer, confessing our sins, believing Jesus died for our sins*)
7. Why do you think heaven rejoices when the lost is found? (*All in heaven knows the lost will spend eternity in heaven with Jesus.*)
8. Have you ever lost something very special? What did you do when you found it? (*You wanted to tell others.*)
9. Have you known someone who was “lost”? What did you do to help them find their way?
10. How can you help someone who is “lost” find Jesus? (*Tell them what He has done for them. Read the Bible with them. Pray with them. Show others how you love Jesus by the way you live your life.*)

Heaven



**I will come again and will take you to Myself,
that where I am you may be also. John 14:3**

Jesus Prepares Heaven for Us

John 14:1-3

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me.

2 In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.”

The Hidden Treasure

Matthew 13:44

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

The Pearl of Great Price

Matthew 13:45-46

45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

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3 He told them this parable: 4 “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?

5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’

7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

The Lost Coin

Luke 15:8-10

8 “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”