

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

Jesus Told Three Parables

LUKE 15

Jesus used parables to teach people. A *parable* is a story Jesus told to help people understand the kingdom of God.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Jesus taught, “Is there one here among you who would not leave his herd of ninety-nine sheep to search for a lost sheep until he finds it? When he finds the lost sheep, the shepherd puts him on his shoulders.

He calls out to his neighbors and friends: ‘Rejoice with me! I have found my lost sheep!’” Jesus said that in heaven there will be more joy over one lost person who repents of his sin than over ninety-nine people who do not need to repent.



The Parable of the Lost Coin

A woman had ten silver coins. One of them was lost. The woman looked everywhere. She swept the house and kept on searching for the coin. When she found it, she called her friends to celebrate with her. Jesus said that in that same way, the angels rejoice when one person turns to God.

The Parable of the Lost Son

A man had two sons. One day the younger son said to his father, “Give me my share of the inheritance.” So the father gave the younger son his part. The younger son packed his bags and went to a distant land where he lived foolishly and wasted his inheritance.

Being tired and hungry, he decided to go home. He said to himself, “Even the servants in my father’s house eat better than this! I will go to my father and ask if I can work for him because I am no longer worthy to be called his son.” So the son headed for home.

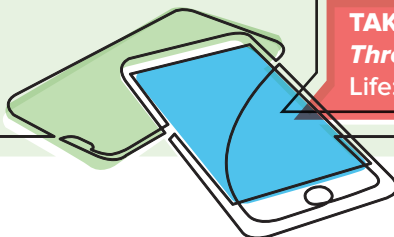
While he was still a long way off, his father saw the son coming toward home. The father ran to him, threw his arms around him, and kissed him. The son said, “I have sinned against God and against you.”

But the father told his servants, “Bring the best robe for my son. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Let’s have a feast and celebrate! This son of mine was lost, and now he is found!”

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: 1 John 4:9

LIFE POINT: Jesus taught about God's love.

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Jesus Told Three Parables* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today’s Bible story focused on how Jesus taught about God’s love. Jesus told three parables to emphasize how much God loves His people and how He rejoices when one person trusts Him as Savior and Lord.



LIVE IT OUT

Challenge your child to recall the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. Talk about what Jesus was teaching about God’s love through the parables. Pray with your child, thanking God for His love.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus taught about faith, trust, and obedience to God.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: 1 John 4:9

Monday: Jeremiah 31:3

Tuesday: John 15:9

Wednesday: Psalm 136:26

Thursday: Ephesians 2:4-5

Friday: Nehemiah 1:5

Saturday: 1 John 4:7

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CONNECTION POINT:

We can confidently trust in what God says and does.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Faith plays an often unrecognized role in our daily lives. We exercise faith every time we get into our cars, trusting they will start and all the parts will work as designed. We trust based on what we've been told. Unfortunately, we've also had times when our faith was misplaced; the person or object we trusted didn't do what we trusted them to do. God is the only One in whom we can confidently place our faith because He can always be believed and relied upon.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Remind your child that God loves people the way the man loved his son. Say the verse together: "We know God loves us. 1 John 4:16."

Jesus told a story to teach about God's love.

A younger son told his father he wanted his part of the family money. The father gave the son what he asked for, and the son moved far away. Before long he spent all his money. He did not have any food to eat, so he went to work taking care of pigs. The son remembered that his father's workers had food to eat. He decided to go home and work for his father.

While the son was still far away, the father saw him. The father ran to him and hugged and kissed him.

The father called to his helpers to bring the new clothes. He planned a party for his son.

Jesus wanted the people to know that God is a loving Father like the father in the story.

KIDS

Scripture: Luke 15

Live It Out: Help your child to recall the three parables. Talk about what Jesus was teaching about God's love through the parables. Pray with your child, thanking God for His love.

Jesus told three stories about lost things.

A man had 100 sheep. One sheep was lost. The man left the 99 sheep. He hunted until he found the lost one. Then he invited people to celebrate with him.

A woman had 10 silver coins. She lost 1 coin. The woman swept her house looking for the coin until she found it. She called her neighbors to celebrate with her.

A younger son took his part of the family money and left home. When he spent all his money, he was hungry. He wanted to eat the food that he saw the pigs eating! The son decided to go home and ask his father to be one of his servants.

The father saw his son coming home. He ran to him and hugged him. He planned a big celebration for his returned son.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-6

- Who or what do we tend to put our faith in besides God?
- What are some daily practices that strengthen your faith?
- Why is faith a necessary element for a relationship with God?

Live It Out: Throughout the history of Israel, many believed a person received God's approval by living in obedience to the law. However, this is not the case. Because it was impossible to completely obey the law—after all, it addressed not only our actions, but even our thoughts and motives—the law never made anyone right with God. Instead, it pointed out how sinful we are. Only Jesus fulfilled the law in every sense. Therefore, faith in Him is the only way we will find favor with God.

Take some time this week for some self-evaluation with your student. Do people see you as faithful and trustworthy? What habits do you need to change in order to live in a way that others would trust?