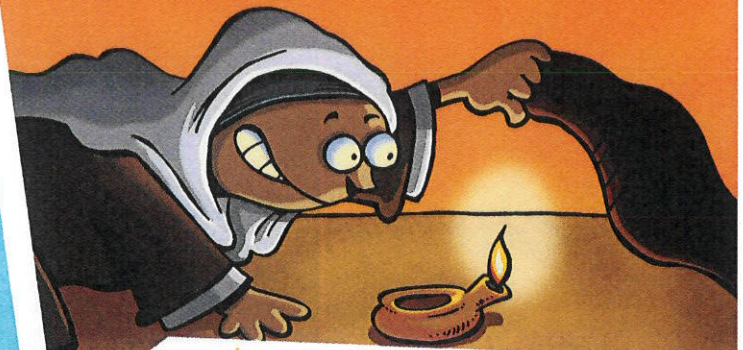


This week we are learning about  
The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin

# The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin

Luke 15:1-10

I am special to God



**Lost!**

Jesus told stories about a lost sheep and a lost coin.  
When the lost things were found, people celebrated!

**SPARK**  
ACTIVATE FAITH

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## READ IT

This week's Bible story is

### The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin

from Luke 15:1-10

#### God loves each and every one of us!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Sheep
- Coin
- Jesus
- Story
- Party

In Chapter 15 of the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells three Lost and Found parables in a row: The Lost Sheep and The Lost Sheep are the first two and the story of The Prodigal Son is the last in the series.

#### Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 374-377

Spark Bible page 1153

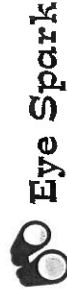
#### Family Prayer

Thank you, God, for always loving us.  
Thank you for celebrations! AMEN.

## TALK ABOUT IT

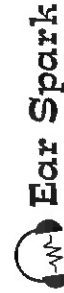
### Family Conversations

- 1 How do you feel when you've lost something important?
- 2 What are your best tips for finding lost things?
- 3 How do you know God loves each and every one of us?
- 4 Take turns telling about a time when you were lost. What did you do? Talk about what the best things to do in such a situation are.



### Eye Spark

When you see a coin that has been dropped on the floor/sidewalk, remember the story of The Lost Coin.



### Ear Spark

Celebrations can be noisy. Next time you hear party noises remember these stories Jesus told about celebrating. Jesus loved parties!

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Play Hide-n-Seek together. Elect one person to "get lost" while everyone else becomes a seeker. When you find your "lost person," turn on some loud music and dance! Rejoice and be glad!

### For younger kids

Help each other find lost and misplaced things—the more eyes the better!

### For older kids

Use a camera to make your own "Find It!" photos—put lots of stuff together, take a picture, and then test others' abilities to find things by asking them to find one tiny little thing in the jumble of stuff in the photo.



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# Counting Coins

A woman lost a coin. Can you find three coins?



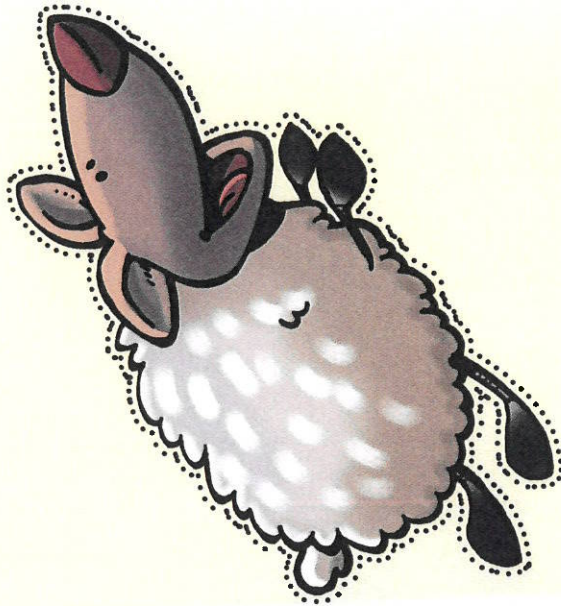
**FAITH**ontheGO!

God never stops looking for someone who is lost. As a family, look in a mirror, pretend you lost a coin. Make a sad face. Now pretend you found the coin. Make a happy face!

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## Sheep Search

A shepherd looked all over for his sheep. I can trace the lost sheep.



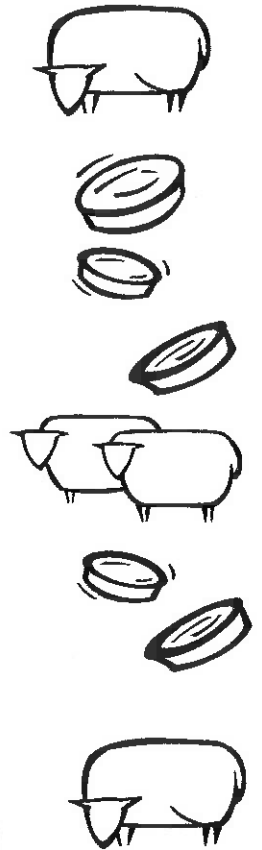
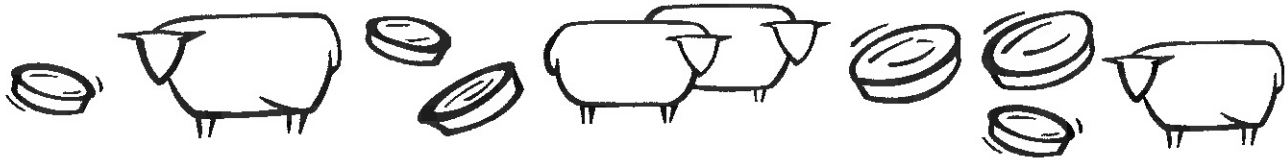
# The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin



The shepherd kept looking until he found the missing one!

# Word Search, hcræes drow

The people in Jesus' parable had a hard time finding their missing items, but looked carefully and didn't give up. Try to solve this word search using the word bank below. Just like in Jesus' story, you'll have to look carefully – ALL of the words in this word search are written backwards! Don't give up!



**LOST  
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RIGHTEOUS  
SHEEP**



**PARABLE  
COIN  
SEARCH  
REPENT**

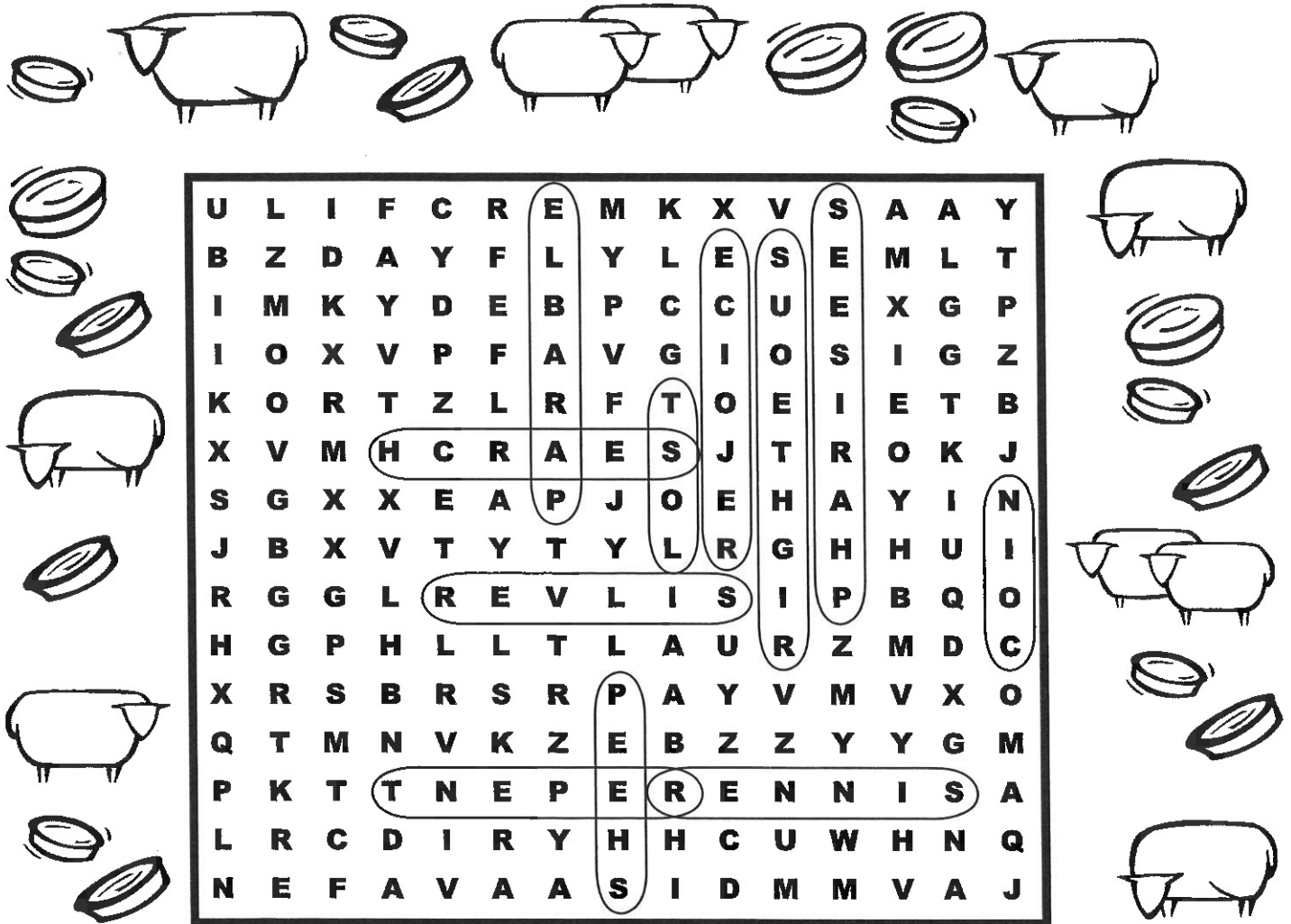


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# Odd One Out

Each circle has three similar items and one misfit. Which one of these items is not like the others?

WOOL  
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MEAT  
HOOVES

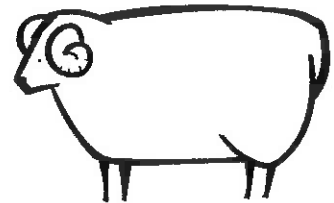
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Parable of the Lazy Farmer

Parable of the Fig Tree

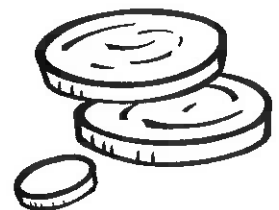
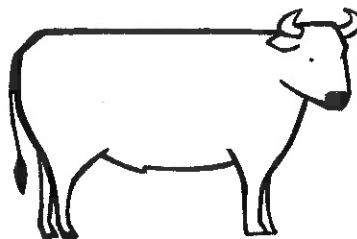
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PESO  
POUND  
QATAR  
RUBLE



NICKEL  
DIME  
DOLLAR BILL  
QUARTER

**BULL**  
**EWE**  
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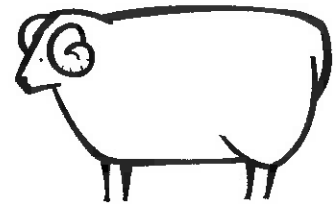
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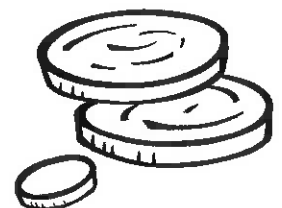
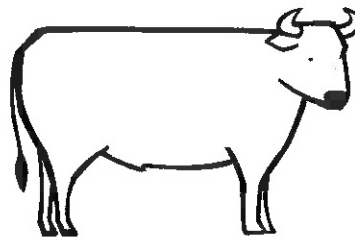
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# The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin



She lit her lamp and swept the house from top to bottom.

# The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin



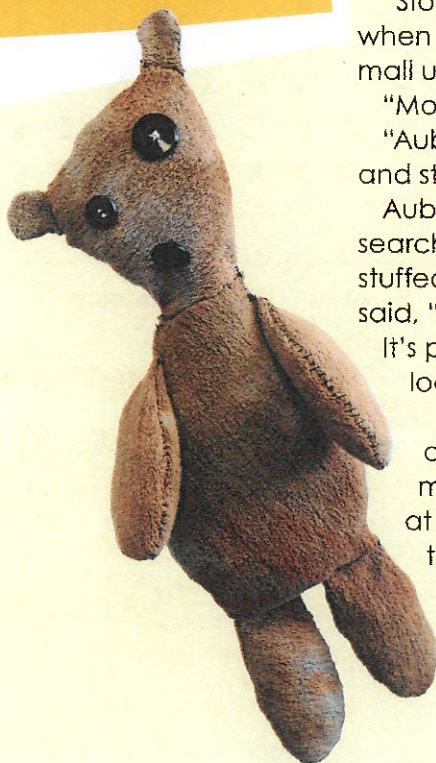
Luke 15:1-10

God finds **each** of **us**.



## I wonder...

- If the woman had any money left after the party.
- Who protected the 99 sheep while the shepherd looked for the lost one.
- How far God would go to find me.



## Lumpy

"Did you look under the dog bed?" asked Aubrey's mom. "Sometimes Patches hides stuff under it."

"That was the first place I looked. I've looked everywhere, Mom! What am I going to do? I won't be able to go to sleep without Lumpy."

Aubrey's older brother teased, "Ooh! I bet Patches ate Lumpy. He loves stuffed, faded old teddy bears."

"Stop it!" Aubrey shouted, "Mom! Make him stop!"

"Stop bugging her, Scott. I seem to remember a time when we had to retrace our steps through an entire mall until we found your stuffed mouse."

"Mom, that's when I was seven years old."

"Aubrey's eight," replied Mom. "Now stop teasing and start looking."

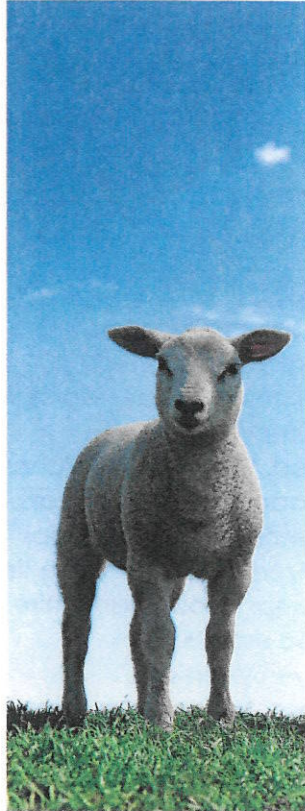
Aubrey's entire family spent the next 30 minutes searching every nook and cranny for Lumpy the stuffed, faded old teddy bear. Aubrey's dad finally said, "Alright, we're gonna have to call this search off.

It's past everybody's bedtime. You'll just have to keep looking after school tomorrow."

Aubrey was ready to cry. She reached desperately between the couch cushions one more time. And she felt it. "YESSS!" she shouted at the top of her lungs. Aubrey hugged Lumpy tightly, plastering him with kisses. "I found you, I found you, I found you! Are you ready for bed, Lumpy?"

Scott rolled his eyes, "Goodnight, Lumpy."

# Lost and Found Word Find



There are some words from today's Bible story that are lost in the puzzle below. They could be going down, up, forwards, backwards or diagonally. Circle each word when you find it.

A	F	X	S	C	L	K	S	G	J	Z	U	A	H	W
S	I	N	I	R	X	H	N	E	N	F	Q	G	Z	S
F	F	S	A	S	E	E	C	H	B	B	I	L	E	G
T	O	R	F	E	V	Q	Q	W	G	W	J	G	M	D
Z	U	U	P	A	S	Q	I	K	W	Q	U	R	T	P
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E	E	D	L	D	K	B	A	P	N	J	A	D	V	T
E	S	I	N	N	E	R	S	W	M	J	P	V	L	X
H	N	E	S	C	A	F	R	E	C	I	O	J	E	R
G	V	F	C	P	L	H	S	R	R	P	F	Y	G	C

## Word Bank

Sinners Grumbling Parable Sheep Rejoice  
Lost Found Joy Repent Heaven



## Look It Up!

Learn more about parables on page 1074 in your Spark Bible.



## Memory Verse

Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

**Luke 15:10**



## Fun Facts

**Parables are stories** about everyday events that teach deep truths.

**The Pharisees** thought that God didn't want anything to do with sinners.

**Jesus** used these particular parables to teach (and scold!) the Pharisees.

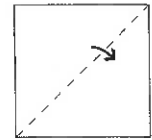
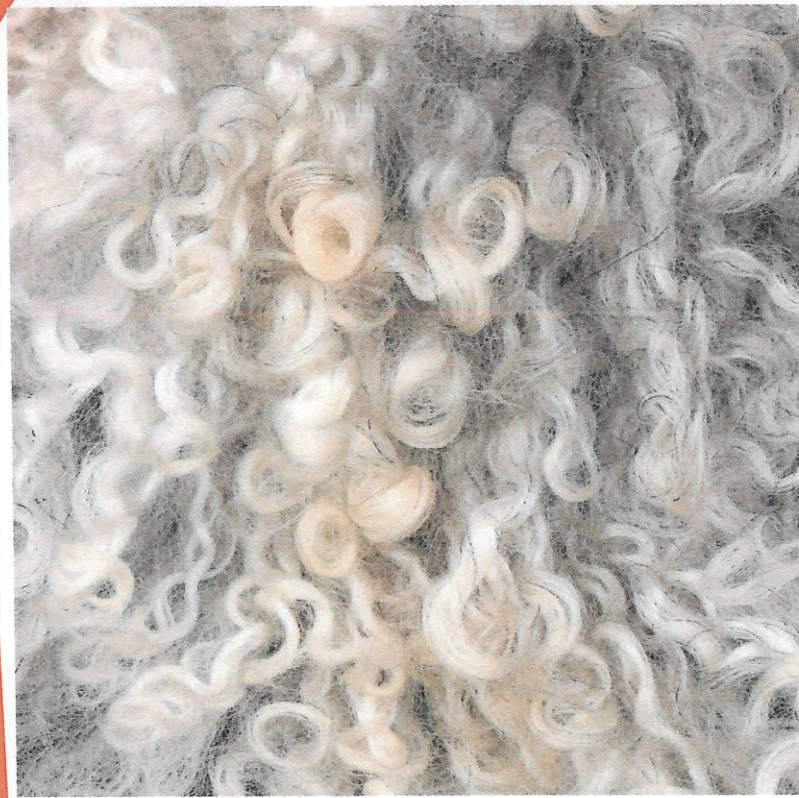
**Actually, no shepherd would leave 99 sheep** to go find one lost sheep.

**The woman** probably spent more money on the party than the coin was worth.

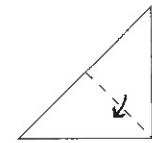
**These** "lost" examples point to God's extreme love for all people.

## Origami Sheep

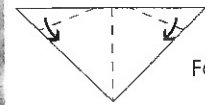
Create your own sheep the origami way! Cut out the woolly square below. Use the visual instructions on the side of this page to fold an origami sheep. Once it's folded, draw a nose and eyes. Just 99 to go and you'll have a flock like the shepherd in the parable of the lost sheep!



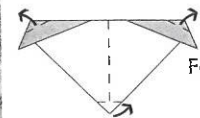
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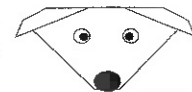
Fold  
and  
unfold



Fold



Fold



Decorate



## Faith on the Go!

**Ask** an adult about a time when they were lost as a child.

**Look** for lost coins under couch cushions, between car seats, and other places. Give away the money to a good cause.

**Make** some more origami sheep like the one in today's craft activity. Give them away, telling people the parable of the lost sheep.

**Write** your own parable about something lost and then found. Tell it to someone in your family.

**Check out** the hymn "Amazing Grace." Write an extra verse for the song that thanks God for finding you.



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## Lesson Learned

*I love you!*

### What did you

learn about God in today's lesson? What did you learn about yourself? Jot down your answers onto a sticky note that you can put up in your room or somewhere else you can see it. Every time you look at it, you can remember just how much God loves you.

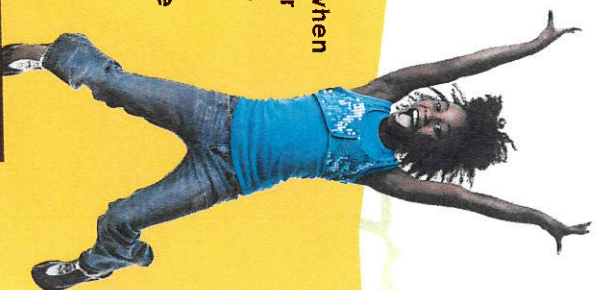
## Faith on the Go!

Both the shepherd and the woman were super excited when they found their lost item after searching long and hard for it. Wouldn't you be?

As you're watching TV this week, maybe you'll notice people who lose things, too. Pay attention to their reactions to losing something valuable and to how they react if they find it. Are their reactions realistic?

## Memory Verse

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:10b

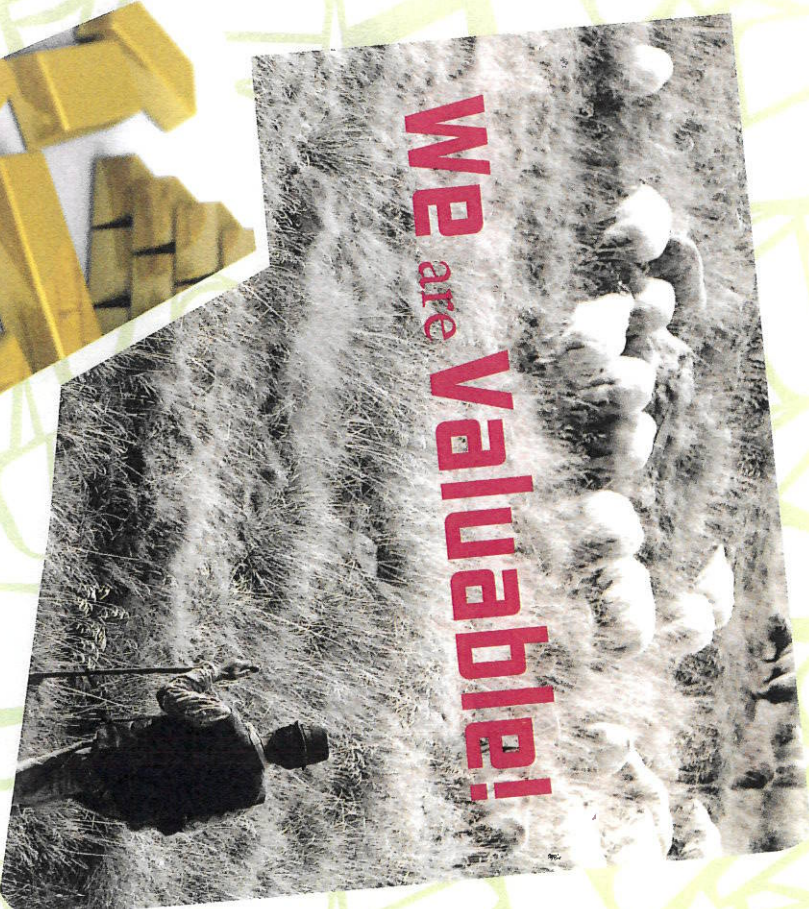


## The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin

Luke 15:1-10

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**We are Valuable!**



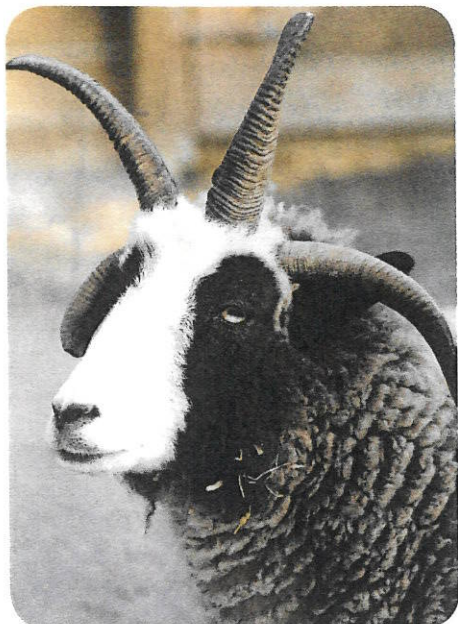
**Do you know**  
**how much you're**  
**worth to God?**





# Many Kinds of Sheep

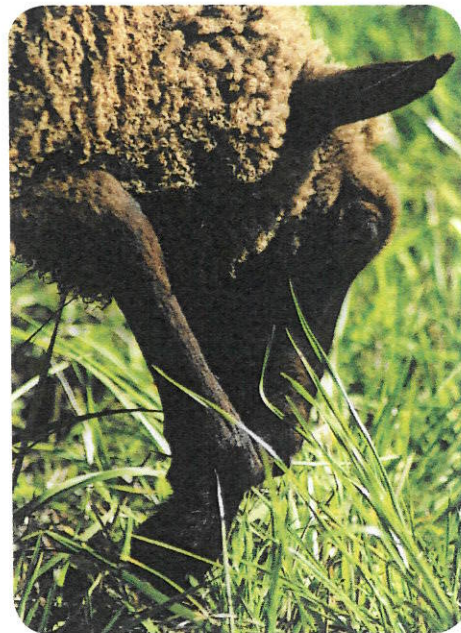
Jesus told lots of stories of shepherds and sheep to help people learn about God's love. There are more than 1,000 different kinds, or breeds of sheep, and there are billions of kinds of people.



**Jacob** sheep have 4 horns and look like white sheep with black spots, but they are actually black sheep with white markings!



**Merino** sheep are well known for their soft, cuddly wool. Farmers can sell the wool to make yarn for sweaters, blankets, and super-comfy socks.



**Finn**sheep are known for having many lambs at once while most sheep only have 2. One ewe in Finland gave birth to 9 lambs at the same time!

Which kinds of sheep are best for shepherds? They all are!  
Which kinds of people are best for God? We ALL are!

**God loves us and keeps us safe.**

To: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## I want to:

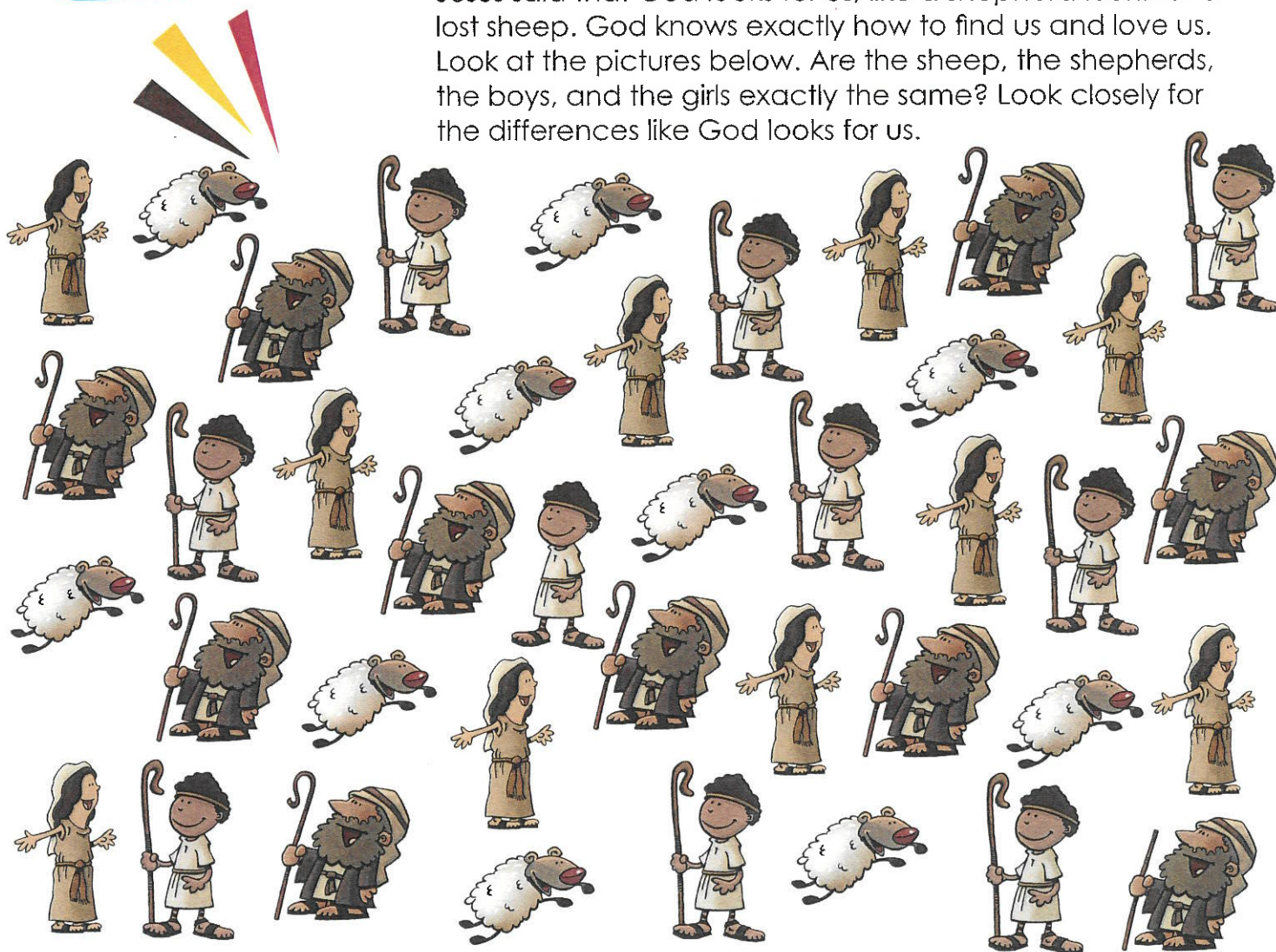
- ☐ Tell you about lost sheep
- ☐ Go on a treasure hunt
- ☐ Count some coins
- ☐ Feel something made of wool
- ☐ Start a coin collection
- ☐ Play "Hide and Seek"

- ☐ Invite you to church
- ☐ Give you a big hug
- ☐ Say "I'm sorry"
- ☐ Pray for you
- ☐ My own idea: \_\_\_\_\_



# God Looks for Us

Jesus said that God looks for us, like a shepherd looks for a lost sheep. God knows exactly how to find us and love us. Look at the pictures below. Are the sheep, the shepherds, the boys, and the girls exactly the same? Look closely for the differences like God looks for us.



**Faith**  
on the Go!

Today's Bible story, **The**  **Sheep and**

**Lost** , is from the book of **Luke**. Luke wrote the

story of Jesus' life because he believed in . The last word in Luke's

Gospel is God.



# Lost...

Jesus told us a story about a shepherd who lost a sheep and a woman who lost a coin.



**I lost something one time. This is what I lost:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**This is how I felt when I lost it:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**This is how long I looked for it:**

- ☐ Less than 5 minutes
- ☐ Less than 30 minutes
- ☐ More than 1 hour
- ☐ More than 1 day
- ☐ More than 1 year

**This is who helped me look for it:**

- ☐ A friend
- ☐ A teacher
- ☐ A family member
- ☐ No one

\_\_\_\_\_

**This is what happened:**

- ☐ I'm still looking for it
- ☐ I found it
- ☐ I forgot I lost it

# The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin



Luke 15:1-10

Name \_\_\_\_\_

God loves us and keeps us safe.

## Keep Looking

Jesus loved telling people stories about something being lost and then found, including this one about a lost sheep and a lost coin. God will always keep looking if people are lost.

See a shepherd looking so baaaaaaaaaad,  
Until he finds his sheep, he is oh so sad.

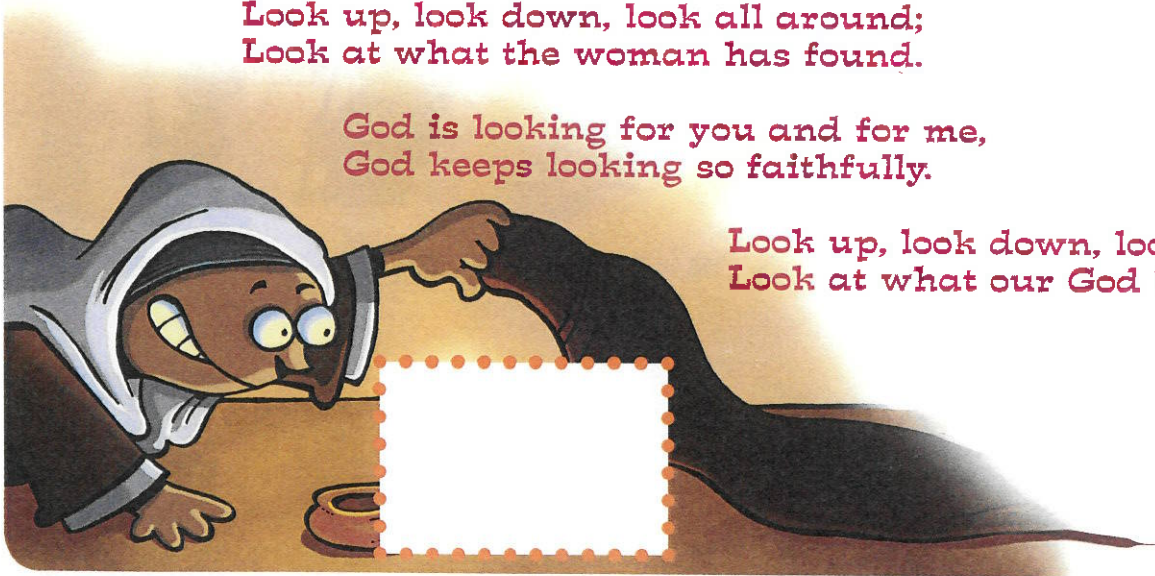
Look up, look down, look all around;  
Look at what the shepherd has found.

See a woman searching her house,  
She's looking for a coin, not for a mouse.

Look up, look down, look all around;  
Look at what the woman has found.

God is looking for you and for me,  
God keeps looking so faithfully.

Look up, look down, look all around;  
Look at what our God has found.



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# Treasure

Of all the things you have, what is the most valuable? What's your biggest treasure? Not sure? Well, what one thing would you be most sad about losing? What thing, if you didn't have it, would make you sad? Whatever you fear losing, and want to protect the most, is your biggest treasure.

Draw a picture of your treasure in this box.



## Sherlock Holmes

Below is an important message for you! To decode it, you have to change just one letter in each word to discover the real meaning of the sentence.

L O U A P E F O R T H M O L E  
T H A T Y O N S N O W .



## Did You Know?

There are about 7 billion people in the world. That's a lot of people! But, even so—God loves each person. Every one of those people is valuable to God. Can you imagine how much the whole earth is worth, if all 7 billion people are worth so much to God?

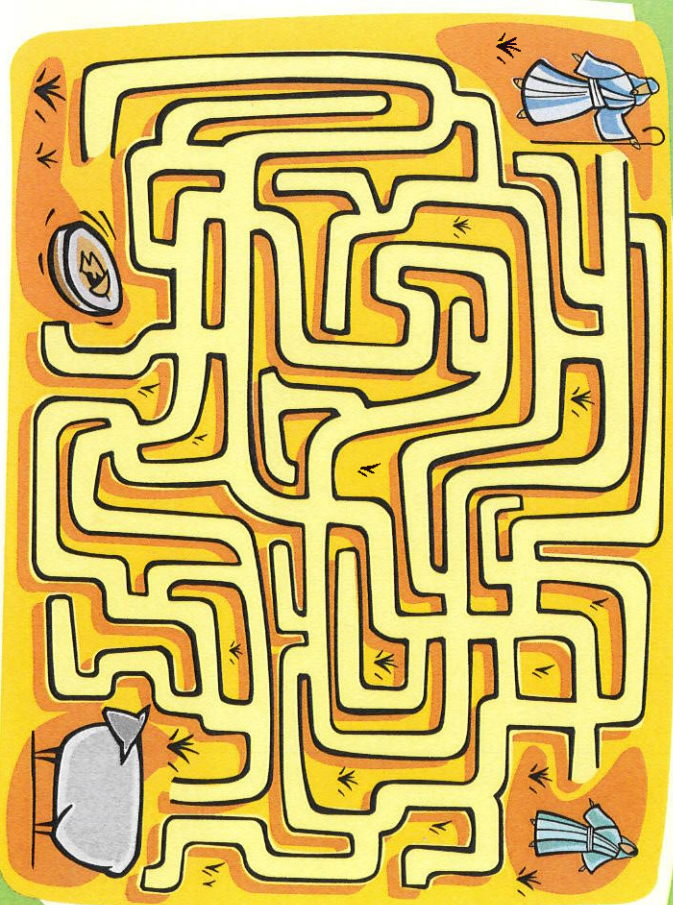


## Look it up!

See what a parable is by looking it up in the glossary of your Spark Bible.

## The Lost Maze

Help the woman find her lost coin and the shepherd find his lost sheep so that they can celebrate!



## Doing the Math

The shepherd lost one sheep out of 100. The woman lost one coin out of 10. Which was the bigger loss? Let's do the math.

So, who lost more, the shepherd or the woman? Who do you think was happier that their lost item was found?

