

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL BULLETIN – LESSON 74

The next three parables are about 'lost' things. When Jesus repeats something, it means it is very important. We should listen up and see what it means for us even today.



The Lost Sheep

Read Luke 15 v 1-7.

- 1) What sort of people were wanting to listen to Jesus? (v 1)
- 2) Do you think the religious leaders approved of Jesus talking to this sort of people? (v 2)
- 3) How many sheep does the shepherd in the parable have? (v 4)
- 4) How many get lost?
- 5) What does the shepherd do about that one lost sheep?
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- 6) How much does the shepherd care about each individual sheep? (v 5)
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- 7) What does the shepherd do when he has brought it safely back?
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Jesus compares this joy and rejoicing with what happens in Heaven when one person who knows they are a sinner and is truly sorry (repents) comes to Jesus for forgiveness.

We know that Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd. 8) If He is a shepherd, who are His 'sheep'?
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God sees us all like lost sheep. We all need rescuing because we have turned our back on God.

- 9) What did the Good Shepherd have to do to rescue His sheep? [Clue: Look at John 10 v 11]



Who else cares so much for people like you and me?!

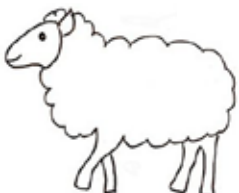
How are people like sheep?

The Bible compares us to sheep. Think of some things sheep do. Look up the Bible verse and fill in the missing words:

- they wander off. Isaiah 53 v 6. Like sheep we have all
- they need a shepherd. Matthew 9 v 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with for them, because they were and scattered, like sheep having no
- they need caring for. Psalm 23 v 1-2. The Lord is my I shall not He makes me to lie down in pastures; He leads me beside the still

Sheep are helpless: they can't look after themselves. We are helpless: we can't make ourselves right with God. Only Jesus, the Good Shepherd can do that.

Have you asked Him to be your Shepherd?



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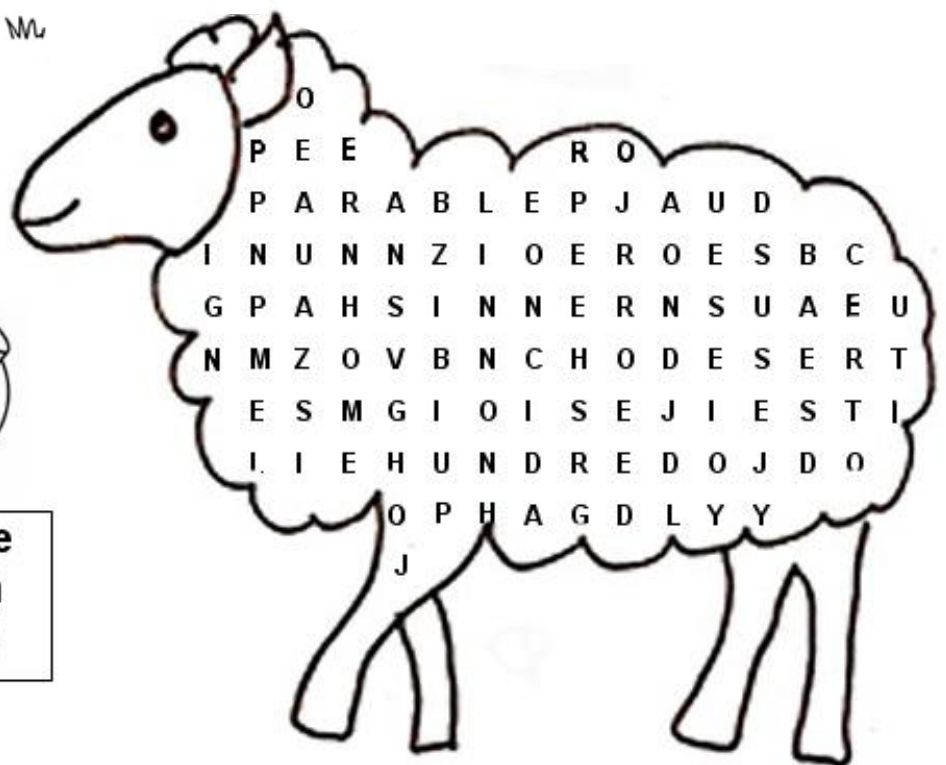
Luke 15 v 1-6



JESUS
PARABLE
MAN
HUNDRED
ONE
SHEEP
DESERT
JOY
HOME
SINNER



Find the
hidden
words



A verse to memorise:

“Rejoice with me, for I have found my
sheep which was lost!”

Luke 15 v 6

For younger ones



Read Luke 15 v 1-7

Jesus told another parable. A shepherd had 100 sheep. One night he noticed one was missing. He left the other 99 sheep safely in their fold and went to search for the lost sheep.

The shepherd looked everywhere until he found it. Then he brought it back home on his shoulders. He was very happy and told all his friends and neighbours about it.

Jesus is like a Shepherd. He cares very much for His people, like a shepherd cares for his sheep. Jesus gives them all they need. He comforts them, and protects them.

We are all like that lost sheep. We need Jesus to rescue us from our sin. He died on the cross to rescue lost people like you and me. We need to say sorry to Jesus for our sins and ask Him to rescue us. Will you do that?