

- The Parable of -  
**THE LOST SHEEP**

**Luke 15:1-7**



## Play a game or two



- Select a toy or object to hide and see how long it takes to find.
- Play 'Kim's Game'. Place a selection of different items on a tray and give the individuals 1 minute to look at and memorise them. With the players not looking, remove 1 item. Can they work out what's missing?
- Put some balloons on the floor (pretend they are sheep) and using a small dowel or wooden spoon time how long it takes to get all the 'sheep' into the pen ( a box or laundry basket!)
- Give everyone some cotton ball "sheep" and explain that they will try to "shepherd" their sheep into the jar (or "fold"). Take turns dropping the sheep from chin height into the fold (smaller children have a height advantage in this game!). Talk about how a shepherd takes care of the sheep and gives them a safe place to stay.

And now watch the video link

[https://youtu.be/G9VpEI\\_hIpU](https://youtu.be/G9VpEI_hIpU)



Grown ups, take 5 minute  
and grab a coffee!



## Question to talk about



- Have you ever lost something precious? How did it make you feel?
- Who are the shepherd and the sheep in the parable?
- Why do you think the shepherd wasn't as concerned about the 99 sheep? Who would look after them when the shepherd was away?
- Why do you think the shepherd went looking for the lost sheep? What does the fact that he never gave up looking tell us about the shepherd?
- What does this parable tell us about how God feels about us?

# What's it all about?



It might have seemed a bit over the top to look for 1 sheep and leave the other 99 but that little lost sheep is exactly how God feels about YOU! Think about it: there are millions of people all over the world, more than we can even understand. Yet God cares about YOU as an individual and He knows how many hairs are on your head. He made you, every one of you! And because He made you, He thinks you are important and special and valuable, and He loves you. Jesus told the story about a shepherd who had a hundred sheep. He lost one of them, and went searching high and low until he found it. What's one little lamb when there are 99 others?



Yet the shepherd knew it was missing and sought it out. Jesus wanted us to know that God cares for us as people, and He will not let us wander and stray away. Sometimes we might do things that go against God's laws. Sometimes we make mistakes, or even turn our backs on God and His love. But He will never leave us.

Nothing we can do will ever separate us from God's love, and He's always waiting with open arms to welcome us back into His family, if we should walk away. In fact, God loves us so much that, even though we do sinful things, He sent Jesus to pay the ultimate price and give His life for us! He didn't just come for good people, but for all people.

**That is something to be thankful for.**



## Can you learn this verse (Romans 8:38) by heart?

*Put it to music, make up actions, turn it into a rap or just say it over and over until it sticks!*

*Kids Church- learn the top part, Y-Church learn the whole thing*



# Choose an activity:

## Make a Sheep to Eat

Give each child some large and small marshmallows and toothpicks or pretzel sticks/uncooked spaghetti and ask them to use them to make a sheep.

Or make marshmallow sheep cupcakes ( be as creative as you like!)

<https://wonderfuldiy.com/wonderful-diy-cute-marshmallow-sheep-cupcake/>



As the children make their sheep talk about the parable and what it tells us about Jesus.

## Puppets

Make puppets or masks and perform a show retelling the parable.



## Memory Verse Art

Write out the memory verse and decorate it with pictures and symbols to remind us of this parable and God's love for us.



## Peek-a-boo Sheep

Cut a slit in the middle of the bottom of the paper or polystyrene cup so that a (lolly) stick will fit through. Decorate the cup so that it looks like grass and is higher than the cup rim. Draw and decorate a sheep that is small enough to fit inside the cup. Glue the sheep onto one end of the stick and place the stick into the cup so that the sheep is hidden but can be pushed up to be found.



# The Lost Sheep

Draw a picture a shephend with his sheep.

If the parable of the lost sheep was a book, the cover would look like this...

This parable teaches me...

Write a poem about the parable of the lost sheep.

## The Lost Sheep

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" Luke 15:4 (NIV)

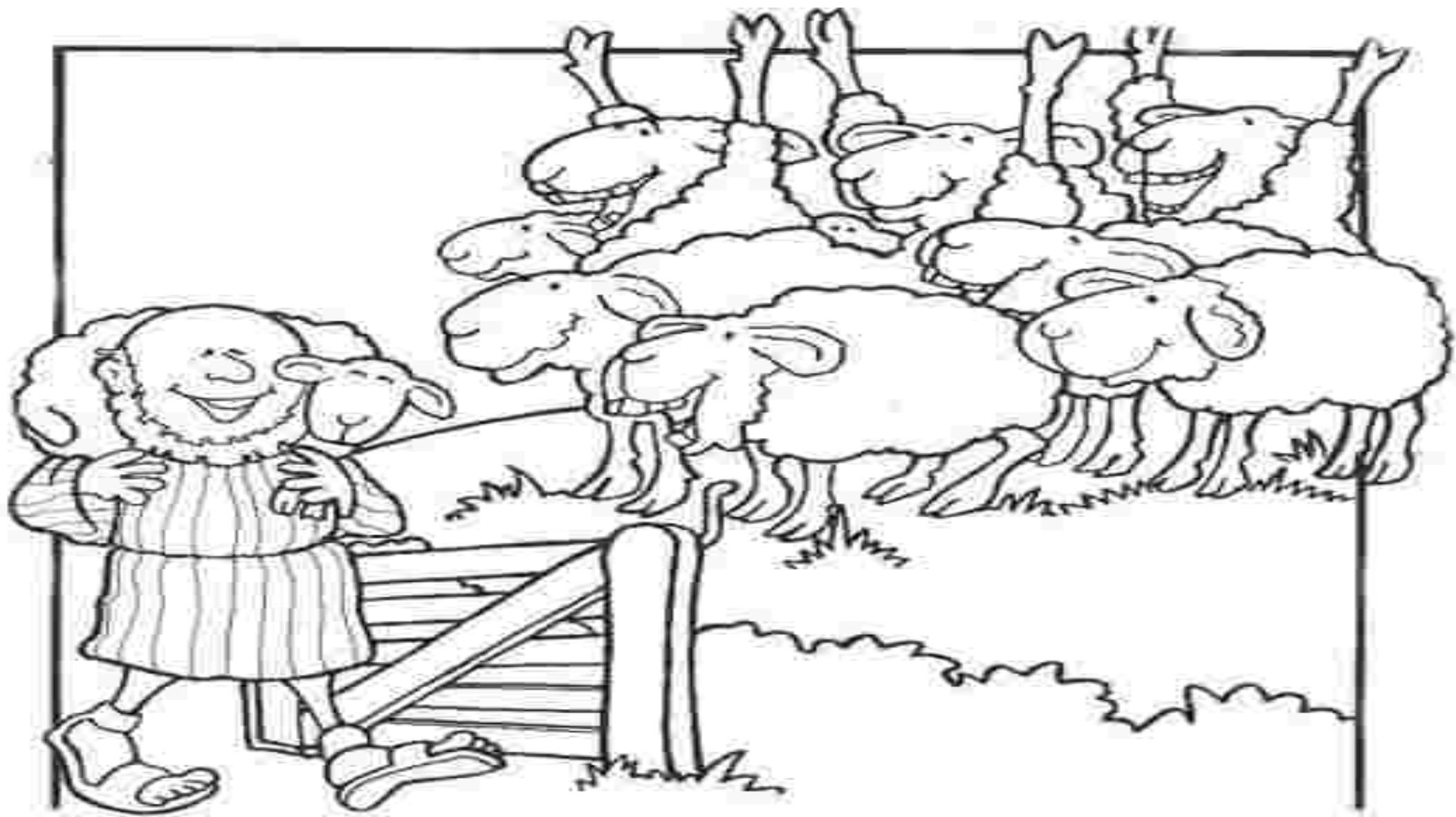
Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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- 21-24-11-20-2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-15-4-13-15-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-4-14-4-8-1-15 \_\_\_\_\_
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- 6-24-3-15 \_\_\_\_\_
- 14-15-10-15-20-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 17-6-15-15-10 \_\_\_\_\_
- 14-15-12-24-18-25-15 \_\_\_\_\_

HEAVEN	RIGHTEOUS	FRIEND	SHEEP	REJOICE
HOME	PARABLE	LOST	REPENT	FOUND





# Songs and actions to join in with

( Come on , you know you want to!!)

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY>

Every move I make

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZ2zXc\\_9Q00](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZ2zXc_9Q00)

One Way

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuODF9Kbgnw>

Praise Ye The Lord Hallelujah

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pEYz4i2SL2k>

Thank you Lord for making me