Jesus Seeks for Lost Sinners

MAIN IDEAS

- Jesus is like a loving shepherd, and people are like lost sheep.
- Jesus seeks after and rescues individual sinners.
- Jesus delights in saving sinners.

MEMORY VERSE

[Jesus said,] "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."—Luke 19:10

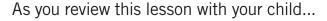
SCRIPTURE

- 1) Luke 15:1-7
- 2) Luke 19:10

We often read stories in the gospels of desperate sinners seeking out Jesus for help with all kinds of problems. What we need to keep in mind, though, is that before they came seeking, Jesus had already sought them out. In John 15:16 Jesus says, You did not choose Me, but I chose you. These are words of great hope for sinners. Left to our sinful selves with our darkened hearts, we would never see and embrace the light of the gospel. How we need a Shepherd to seek and save us! This lesson recounted Jesus' story of the lost sheep found in Luke 15:1-7. Jesus is the great Shepherd who delights to seek, save, safeguard, and satisfy His sheep. What a wonderful picture in Isaiah 40:11:

He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom...

PRAYER POINTS





- praise God for the work He has done in your life to save you.
- pray that He will help you to be earnest and joyful in praying and proclaiming salvation to the lost.
- pray that both you and your child would have eyes and hearts to see and embrace Jesus as the loving Shepherd who was come to rescue them.
- pray that God would soften your child's heart to trust in Jesus for salvation.



As You Walk By The Way

Read and talk about Luke 19:10.

- How are you and I like a lost sheep? How is Jesus like a good shepherd? Why can He be trusted? Do you trust Jesus to be a good shepherd for you? What would that look like? For example, will you go and do things your own way, or desire to do things Jesus' way? What does it mean to be found by Jesus?
- Imagine having a pet that ran away. What it might feel like? If you loved your pet, would you want to go and look for it? Are people always able to find a lost pet? Why not? Do you think that lost sinners are much more important to Jesus than a lost pet? Yes. Is Jesus always able to find the lost sinners that **He seeks?** Yes. He is God.

This week, pray every day for one or two people who don't know Jesus. Pray that Jesus would seek and save them.

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