

## READ IT

This rotation's Bible story is

### **The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin**

from Luke 15:1-10.

#### **Each person is loved by God.**

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Grumbling
- Wilderness
- Rejoice
- Repent
- Righteous

Tax collectors were Jewish but collected money *from* other Jewish people to give to the Romans.

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

*Spark Story Bible* pages 374-377

*Spark Bible* page 1153

#### **Family Prayer**

Dear God, we do not understand as you understand. We judge, assess risk, and often allow fear to rule us. Thank you for seeking us, for sending Jesus after us. Dear God, thank you for saving us through grace. Amen.

## TALK ABOUT IT



### **Family Conversations**

- 1** What have you lost and looked for?
- 2** Is it ever okay to let a lost thing stay lost? Why or why not?
- 3** What is worth hunting for?
- 4** Take turns sharing a story about losing and finding—or being lost and found.



#### **Eye Spark**

This week look for 1 school bus, 2 birds, and 3 flowers.



#### **Ear Spark**

Practice calling out to an unseen friend or pet. Remember Jesus' story.

## LIVE IT

### **For families to do together**

Play Find the Object giving either Hot/Cold or Yes/No clues until the hidden object is found. Let each family member hide it at least once before the game is over.

### **For younger kids**

Next time someone in your family misplaces something, help look for it.

### **For older kids**

There are many exciting stories about lost places. Do some research about Atlantis.

## Art

Make a special coin holder to hold loose change. Recycle or purchase a box, can, or clear soda bottle that has an opening large enough for coins to fit through. Use available art supplies, such as paints, scrapbook paper, and ribbons, to decorate the container. Add a sticker label that says “Lost Coins” to the outside. As you decorate this container together, talk about something you can do with the coins once the container is full.

## Computer Lab

Talk as a family about a parent’s favorite childhood treasures and what happened to them. Use an online auction site to look up those old treasures and talk about what those items meant to their family. What would it mean to find something lost long ago? How would God feel when God found us?

## Creative Drama

Grab some stuffed animals, dolls, or action figures to act out these two parables. Give the characters creative voices. Add extra dialogue. Let everyone try the various parts. Talk about what it feels like to be these characters and what it means to be found by God.

## Video

Watch a movie this week in which characters are lost and found. Movie suggestions: *Finding Nemo*, *Cheaper By the Dozen*, *Bolt*, *Home-ward Bound: The Incredible Journey*, *Homeward Bound 2: Lost in San Francisco*.

## Bible Skills and Games

Play an old fashioned game of Hide and Go Seek as a family. Then come together to talk about how it felt to be hidden and how it felt to be found. How would it feel different if it was God who was finding us?

## Cooking

Every person is important to God. Make a batch of sheep cupcakes or other baked treats at home and take them to someone who lives alone or who is particularly isolated. Share this story with them and tell them how important they are to God and to you.

## Music

Before dinner, listen to a favorite piece of music with your eyes closed. During your meal, talk about what you heard in the music. Wonder together what it would like to lose this piece of music. What would you do to find it again?

## Science

Plan a fun family outing—a “coin toss” scavenger hunt. You will need one coin. Take a digital camera to record your “finds.” Start right outside your front door by deciding if heads means turn right or left; tails will mean the opposite. Toss the coin and turn that direction, searching for things that appeal to your senses. What do you hear? What do you see? What do you feel? What do you touch? What can you taste? Toss the coin again, and see where you end up! This kind of scavenger hunt can work as you walk around your block, or even inside a mall or other large building. Display your photos on a bulletin board or the refrigerator once you get home.