

The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin

Lesson At-A-Glance

Scripture Reference
Luke 15:1-10

Lesson Focus
I am special to God.

Gather (10 minutes)

	Spark Resources	Supplies
<p>Center Time Kids take turns hiding and finding sheep, use clay to self-calm if needed, and color Bible story pictures.</p>	<p>Coloring Pages </p>	<p>Stuffed lambs and sheep, basket, green play clay, cotton balls, blank paper, markers or crayons</p>
<p>Circle Time Kids are welcomed by a lamb puppet and a song, and find a lost lamb.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Lamb puppet</p>
<p>Prayer Time Kids ask God, in song, to always find them with love.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>

Open the Bible (15 minutes)

	Spark Resources	Supplies
<p>The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin Storytelling Leader reads aloud from the Spark Story Bible.</p>	<p>Spark Story Bible</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Peek-a-Boo Love Kids practice hiding and being found and loved.</p>	<p>Lesson Stickers</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Lost! Kids retell the story by adding sheep stickers and coin stickers to their leaflets.</p>	<p>Leaflets, Lesson Stickers</p>	<p>None</p>

Activate Faith (15 minutes)

	Spark Resources	Supplies
Counting Coins Kids find and count three coins.	Leaflets	None
Sheep Search Kids remember the story by tracing the lost sheep.	Leaflets	Crayons or markers
Handprint Sheep Kids make sheep with their handprints.	None	Lamb puppet, black construction paper, scissors, cotton balls, glue, white crayon

Send (5 minutes)

	Spark Resources	Supplies
Good-bye Time Kids remember one thing they did today.	Leaflets , Lesson Stickers, Spark Story Bible	None
Prayer Time Kids pray in the language of sheep.	Family Pages 	None



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Gather (10 minutes)

Center Time

You may choose to set up all or some of these learning centers for children to play in as they arrive in your classroom. Have helpers in each center to help children with the activities. Kids can stay in one center or travel to more than one.

When all kids have arrived and have had time to participate in at least one learning center, dim the lights. Let kids know that it's almost Circle Time. Turn the lights back on. Wait a few minutes and again dim the lights. Say, **"Baa, baa. It's time for Circle Time. Let's all pretend to be sheep as we gather for Circle Time. Baa, baa . . ."**

Find the Sheep

Place the sheep in a basket. Invite the kids to hide and find the sheep. Take turns hiding and finding.

Play Clay Calm

Place play clay on a table. Roll it into individual balls. Place one ball near each table chair. Sit with kids who are having a hard time separating from their parents. Show kids how to stick the cotton balls in the clay to make "sheep." (Supervise this closely, so that kids don't put cotton balls in their mouths.)

Coloring

Have coloring supplies available at a table for the kids to color. Be sure to help them put their names on their papers.

Spark Resources

Coloring Pages



Supplies

Stuffed lambs and sheep
Basket
Green play clay
Cotton balls
Blank paper
Markers or crayons

Circle Time

Welcome, friends! We are all here to learn about God. Let's sing our welcome song and see who is here today. Sing this song to the tune of "Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush."

**Now it's time for Spark Time,
Spark Time, for Spark Time.
Now it's time for Spark Time,
We hear about God's love.**

**Our friends are here for Spark Time,
Spark Time, for Spark Time.
Our friends are here for Spark Time,
We hear about God's love.**

Spark Resources

None

Supplies

Lamb puppet

**[Name]'s here for Spark Time,
Spark Time, for Spark Time.
[Name]'s here for Spark Time,
We hear about God's love.**

Continue until all kids and adults are named.

Put the puppet on your hand. **This is my lamb. I love my lamb. His wool is soft.**
Pet the lamb. **His voice is pretty. "Baa, baa." I love my lamb. But one day my lamb
got lost.** Hide the lamb behind your back. **I was so sad!** Make a sad face. **I looked
everywhere for my lamb.** Pretend to look for your lamb. **Finally, I found my lamb.**
Find your lamb and hug him. **I love my lamb!** If kids enjoy this, hide and find the
lamb a few times.

Prayer Time

Let's sing a prayer to God before we hear today's story. Sing this prayer to the
tune of "Ten Little Indians."

If I'm lost, come and find me,

Point to self, put flat hand to forehead as if searching.

If I'm lost, come and find me,

Point to self, put flat hand to forehead as if searching.

If I'm lost, come and find me,

Point to self, put flat hand to forehead as if searching.

Find me, God, with your love.

Cross hands over heart.

Amen.

Spark Resources

None

Supplies

None

Open the Bible (15 minutes)

The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin Storytelling

Take out your Spark Story Bible and open to The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin on pages
374-377. Read the story out loud and point to the corresponding pictures. Look for
Squiggles the caterpillar in each picture. Ask kids what they think Squiggles is feel-
ing or doing. Encourage them to make faces like Squiggles.

Ask the following questions, allowing time for kids to answer. **In our story today,
what was lost?** (*money, coin, sheep, lamb*) **How many sheep were lost?** (*one*) **How
many coins were lost?** (*one*) **How does your tummy feel when you are lost?**
(*yucky, scared*) **How does your tummy feel when you are found?** (*good*)

Spark Resources

Spark Story Bible

Supplies

None

Peek-a-Boo Love

I want everyone to hide their eyes. Hide your eyes with your hands. **I want you to open your eyes when I say, "God loves me!"** Take your hands away. **Let's try it!** Repeat this game several times. When you're done, give each kid a heart sticker. **This sticker reminds us that God loves us and will always find us!**

Spark Resources
Lesson Stickers

Supplies
None

Lost!

Invite everyone to gather around a table. Give each kid a leaflet. Point to the picture on the front of the leaflet. **Jesus told a story about some things that were lost. I see a shepherd but no sheep! A sheep is lost. Let's put the sheep sticker in the story.** Hand out the sheep stickers and have kids put them on their leaflets. **The sheep has been found. Let's celebrate! Yeah, God!**

Spark Resources
Leaflets
Lesson Stickers

Supplies
None

I see a woman who is looking for her coin. The coin is lost. Let's help her find the coin. Hand out the coin stickers and have kids put them on their leaflets. **The coin has been found! Let's celebrate again. Yeah, God! The sheep and the coin have been found!**

Activate Faith (15 minutes)

Counting Coins

Ask kids to turn over the leaflets. **A woman lost a coin. Let's pretend we lost three coins.** Hold up three fingers. **One, two, three. Let's see if we can find our coins. Our coins are hiding somewhere on this page.** Wait for kids to find the first coin. **We found one coin!** When the group has found the second coin, say, **"We found another coin!"** When the group has found the final coin, say, **"We found all three coins. Hurrah! We can help find the coins!"**

Spark Resources
Leaflets

Supplies
None

Sheep Search

Do you see the sheep? Point to the sheep on the leaflet. **Take your finger and follow the black line to make a sheep.** Hold up your index finger and then trace the sheep with it. **We made a sheep!** Distribute crayons or markers. **Now let's trace the sheep with a crayon/marker.** Pause to let kids trace. **Let's make a sheep in the air.** Make the outline of a sheep in the air. **Shepherds take care of their sheep. They don't want to lose a single one. That's just like God. God takes care of people and doesn't want to lose a single one. God will always find us.**

Spark Resources
Leaflets

Supplies
Crayons or markers

Handprint Sheep

For this activity, each kid will need to have his or her hand traced on black construction paper and cut out. You could trace hands as kids arrive at the class, and have a helper do the cutting before you get to this point in the session. (Be sure to write each kid's name on his or her hand tracing.) Set out cotton balls and glue.

I have an idea. Let's make a sheep to remember how God will always find us. Give kids their hand cutouts, with the fingers pointing down. (The fingers form the legs of the sheep; the thumb is the neck and head.) Help each kid put a small amount of glue on two to four cotton balls and stick them on the body of the sheep (the palm of the hand tracing). You can finish each sheep by drawing simple eyes and a mouth with white crayon on the head (thumb). Be sure kids don't put cotton balls in their mouths.

Spark Resources

None

Supplies

Lamb puppet
Black construction paper
Scissors
Cotton balls
Glue
White crayon

Send (5 minutes)

Good-bye Time

Have kids sit in a circle and thank them for coming. **I have one last sticker for you today—a sheep, to remind you that you are special to God. When I give you the Bible to hold, tell me one thing we did today.** There are no right or wrong answers. Gently give each kid a chance to hold the Bible. If a kid is not interested in the activity, please honor her or his feelings. If the book is too heavy to hold, hold the Bible in front of kids so they can touch it. Give kids stickers to put on their clothing after they have recalled something they did today. If a kid does not say anything, give him or her the sticker anyway. Allow kids to put the stickers on themselves.

Hold up the leaflet and point to Faith on the Go! on the back. **Be sure to take your leaflet home, because it has one more fun activity you can do with your family. When you are home, look in a mirror with a family member. Pretend you lost a coin. Make a sad face. Now pretend you found the coin. Make a happy face!**

Spark Resources

Leaflets
Lesson Stickers
Spark Story Bible

Supplies

None

Prayer Time

What sound does a sheep make? (baa, baa) "Baa, baa" is how sheep talk. Let's pray in sheep talk today.

**Dear God, Baa, Baa,
Thank you for caring for all of your people. Baa baa baa baa baa baa baa.
Amen. Baa.**

Be sure to send leaflets home with kids, and give each of them a Family Page to take home.