



# Seek for Lost Sinners

## MAIN IDEA

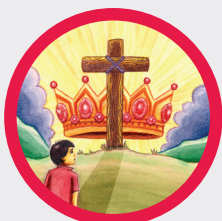
- **Jesus came to seek and save lost sinners.**
- **Jesus wants His disciples to follow His example and look for opportunities to share the hope of the Gospel.**

## MEMORY VERSE

*...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,—1 Peter 3:15*

## SCRIPTURE

- 1) Mark 1:16-17
- 2) Luke 15:1-10
- 3) Luke 19:10
- 4) Colossians 4:5-6
- 5) 1 Timothy 2:3b-6
- 6) 1 Peter 3:15b



## LESSON SUMMARY

Two short and simple parables, the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin, provide poignant illustrations of Jesus' love for seeking after and saving lost sinners. It is important that our children see and understand the urgency of this truth. In this lesson, we used these two parables to challenge each child, whether saved or not, to see the desperate condition of lost sinners and their need for Jesus' saving work. For those who are disciples of Jesus, we are to share this heart for the lost. Although the term "evangelism" can seem daunting, especially for a child, we want to encourage believing children to think in terms of the ordinary personal interactions they have in their everyday lives—looking for simple opportunities to express the hope that is within them. At a minimum, they can begin to have the unbelievers on their "radar screen," so to speak, and begin to pray for them and grow in boldness and wisdom in ways to share the good news of the Gospel with them.

## PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...



- *that the Holy Spirit would be at work in your child so that he or she would see and respond to the love and provision of the Good Shepherd.*
- *that if your child is already a follower of Jesus, he or she would grow in love and witness to the lost.*

## AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- Read Luke 15:1-10 together. **How could we grow in our love for those who are not trusting in Jesus? How might these two parables and other Bible verses and stories serve to help us? Is there someone you know that you are concerned about? Have you thought about how you might "seek after" this person? Have a time of prayer together. Emphasize that it is because of God's grace that people are saved, not because they are better than other sinners or have done something good. Christians were "lost" at one time, too.**
- Share with your child about how God brought you to salvation through the witness of one or more Christians. **Has anyone shared the Gospel of Jesus with you? Just once, or many times? How do you respond when the Gospel is shared with you? What does Jesus command you to do? Read and talk about Mark 1:15 and pray together.**

- Point out that before Jesus returned to heaven, He told His disciples that they would receive power from the Holy Spirit and be His witnesses (Acts 1:8). **What is a witness? If you have come to salvation in Jesus, do you have something to tell about? What specifically should you be telling people who don't yet know and trust Jesus?** Read and talk about 1 Peter 3:15 and Colossians 4:5-6. Other verses to consider: John 3:16-17; Luke 19:10; Romans 5:19b; Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 1:7; Romans 5:10a; and John 11:25.
- Point out that even for many adults, sharing the

good news of the Gospel with unbelievers can feel scary. Sometimes it's because we don't think we know enough or don't know what to say in a certain situation. Other times, it is because we are more shy around others. But we can become better at this. **What help is available for Christians?** [the Holy Spirit, the Bible, prayer, the help of other Christians, etc.] For example, you can listen carefully to our pastor when he is giving a sermon. You can ask your dad, mom, and teachers about how to respond in different situations. Emphasize that one simple way to get started is to begin regularly praying for someone you know who is not a Christian.

**ACTION STEPS**

This week, look up the verses in your Bible to fill in the missing words. These verses tell us some important truths about the Gospel of Jesus—God's good news for sinners. Next, think of a person or some people who need to hear the Gospel and believe in Jesus. Write their names in the arrow. Commit to praying for them every day. Ask God to give you opportunities to share the Gospel.

...God our Savior...<sup>4</sup> desires all people to be \_\_\_\_\_ and to come to the knowledge of the truth.<sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is \_\_\_\_\_ between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,<sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a \_\_\_\_\_ for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.—*1 Timothy 2:3b-6*

Walk in \_\_\_\_\_ toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.<sup>6</sup> Let your \_\_\_\_\_ always be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ with salt, so that you may know how you ought to \_\_\_\_\_ each person.—*Colossians 4:5-6*

...[be] prepared to make a \_\_\_\_\_ to anyone who asks you for a reason for the \_\_\_\_\_ that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and \_\_\_\_\_,—*1 Peter 3:15b*

**PRAYING FOR JESUS TO SEEK AND SAVE**

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