

# SUMMER IN THE SON: *Lessons from the Life of Christ*

## *Week 1 • June 25 • Three Parables (Luke 15)*

### *Theme: Jesus seeking sinners*

Our Sunday speaker, Steve Marshall, is seeking lost people as a pastor and missionary in Lyon, France.

Jesus told stories about people who were looking for things that were lost. Jesus told these stories to teach about Himself. Jesus looks for people who are lost, people who do not know Him. Jesus gave His life to save people from sin.

A shepherd was seeking his sheep, a woman was seeking her coin, and a father was seeking his prodigal son. Jesus told these parables to teach about Himself. As Savior, Jesus seeks sinners. He paid the ultimate price—His own life—to save people from sin. In the three parables of Luke 15, Jesus told His hearers that retrieving lost sinners brings joy to heaven (v. 7,10,24,32). In fact, in the case of the prodigal son, Jesus used the throwing of a celebratory feast to illustratively represent heaven's joy over the repentance of sinners. The apostle John wrote of a vision of the ultimate celebration of Christ's saving lost sinners with his description of the marriage feast of the Lamb (Rev. 19:6-10).

### *Family Devotion:*

**Materials:** dollar bills or large coins (one for each kid). Hide the dollar bills in the house beforehand. When it is time to meet, instruct your kids to each find one dollar bill and bring it back.

**Do:** Family Activity - When it is time to meet, instruct your kids to each find one dollar bill and bring it back to the group. If you have a preschooler, give clues to guide the child closer to the money.

**Big Question:** Luke 19:10 What does it mean to be Lost? Prompt your kids to recall the three different parables and what or who was lost in each.

**Read:** Take turns reading Luke 15 together

**Ask:** Questions to talk about what this means for us:

- What is a common theme between the three parables?
- Why did people celebrate when the item was located and the son returned?
- Why were the religious leaders upset with Jesus? (*Jesus was friends with sinners, Luke 15:2*)
- How do you think the father felt when the son took his inheritance and left home? (*Luke 15:12-13*)
- What work did the younger son do in a distant country? (*He fed pigs, Luke 15:15*)
- How did the father react when he saw his son coming home? (*He ran to him, threw his arms around his son's neck, and kissed him; Luke 15:20*)
- What happens in heaven when sinners are saved/found? (*Luke 15:7*)

**Apply:** Who seeks after sinners and saves them (*Jesus, Luke 19:10*)? Remind your kids that Jesus came to seek the lost—one still lost in sin. Not only does Jesus seek the lost, but He also saves. He paid the ultimate price — His own life, to save the lost. Rejoice over your family's salvations by singing and moving to a praise song from this quarter's song selection.

**Pray,** thanking God for seeking and saving your family. Ask God to save other family members and friends by name who are still lost in sin. Ask God for opportunities to talk with them about Jesus' salvation.

**For the week:** Check the Gospel Project phone & tablet app. You could do one activity per day together.

**Resources:** Find more activities, a video, and other resources on [Faithcrossroads.org](http://Faithcrossroads.org), [Rightnowmedia.com/faith](http://Rightnowmedia.com/faith), and at the welcome center at church.