



Unit 25, Session 2

Three Parables

Luke 15

Story Point: Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

Jesus told them three parables to teach about God. Jesus said, “If a man has 100 sheep and loses one, he leaves the 99 sheep and searches for the lost sheep until he finds it.” Jesus also said, “If a woman has 10 silver coins and loses one of them, she lights a lamp, sweeps the house, and searches carefully until she finds it.”

Jesus told a third story. “A man had two sons. The younger son said, ‘Father, give me my inheritance today.’ So the father did. The younger son left home. He wasted his money and lived foolishly. The younger son decided to go back to his father and admit he was wrong. He would ask to work for his father like the servants.

“His father ran to him, threw his arms around him, and kissed him. The son began to apologize.

“But the father told his servants, ‘Let’s

celebrate with a feast! This son of mine was lost, and now he is found!’

“At this time, the older son came from the fields. ‘What’s going on?’ he asked one of the servants.

“‘Your brother is here,’ the servant said. ‘Your father is celebrating.’ The older brother was angry!

“‘Son,’ the father said, ‘everything I have is yours. We have to celebrate. Your brother was lost and is found.’”

Christ Connection: The religious leaders complained that Jesus welcomed sinners. Jesus told these parables to teach about God’s forgiveness. God sent Jesus so sinners can be forgiven. As Savior, Jesus seeks sinners. He paid the ultimate price—His own life—to save people from sin.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Look up each reference in the Bible. Draw a picture from each scene.

Luke 15:11-19	Luke 15:20-24	Luke 15:25-32

- What does this story teach us about God?

- In the third parable, how did the father react to his son's return?

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APPLY the Story

- How are we “lost” before we trust in Jesus?
- How does it make you feel that God came looking for you?
- What might you say to someone who doesn’t know Jesus?

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APPLY the Story

- Find Colossians 1:13-14 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for being a loving Father who joyfully welcomes into His home both people who have wandered away from Him and people who have trusted in themselves instead of in Jesus.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Psalm 139:1-2
- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
- 2 Peter 3:9
- 1 Peter 2:24-25
- Galatians 2:20