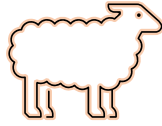


# Sunday School Lesson

## Sunday, July 25, 2021

### Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



“I am so happy I found my lost sheep. Let us celebrate!”

While labeled Sunday School, please feel free to use these ideas in a way that blesses your family. You do not have to do all the activities, nor do you need to do them on Sunday morning. You can use whatever translation of the Bible or Children’s Bible you have in your home.

**Read:** Luke 15: 3-7

#### **Activities and Background:**

The parable of “The Lost Sheep” is coupled with “The Lost Coin” and “The Lost Son”.

1. Read the scripture and wonder about the story with your child. I wonder why the sheep became lost. I wonder if the sheep was an old sheep or a young one. I wonder how long the shepherd had to look for the sheep—was it a day? a week? I wonder when the shepherd noticed the sheep was missing.
2. Young children will enjoy trying to count to 100. Count stuffed animals or Legos, whatever you have available. Is it easy to notice that one is missing when you have a hundred?
3. Say the nursery rhyme “Little Bo Peep”. Compare Bo Peep to the shepherd in the story. Which is the more concerned shepherd?
4. Have you ever lost something and had to look diligently for it? How did you feel? Anxious? Worried? Tired? I wonder if the shepherd had these feelings. How did you feel when you found it? Did you tell someone it was found?
5. Young children will enjoy making sheep (don’t be confined by white cotton balls, use other fluffy materials like yarn in different colors). The sheep above is not colored in. What color is your sheep?
6. Compare the shepherd to God. God looks for us. I wonder how God celebrates when God finds us.
7. Read the story one more time and then draw a picture to help you remember the story.
8. End with a prayer.

*Lord,  
Help me to not stray from you.  
Help me to always be in range of hearing your call.  
Thank you for looking for me.  
Thank you for taking care of me as a shepherd cares for his sheep.  
Amen.*