

# KIDTOWN GUIDE

3K - 4K

DATE: 9/13/20

SCRIPTURE: Luke 15

LESSON: Three Parables



## INTRO

**Parents say to your kid(s)** - Do you remember the name of the stories Jesus used to teach his followers? That's right! Parables! Today we are going to learn about three more parables that talk about how much God loves us.

**"Shepherd Where's Your Sheep?"** - Have one child be the *shepherd* who will sit in the middle of the floor with a toy sheep (or any animal) behind his/her back. Guide everyone else to sit in a wide circle around the *shepherd*. Ask the *shepherd* to close his/her eyes while you silently hide the sheep behind someone else's back. When the sheep is hidden, invite everyone to chant, "Shepherd, shepherd, where's your sheep?" Encourage the *shepherd* to open his/her eyes and guess who has the sheep. After three tries, reveal who has the sheep. Celebrate the found sheep. Choose another shepherd and play again.

**Parents say** - Jesus told stories about people who were looking for things that were lost. Jesus told these stories to teach about Himself. Today we will learn about a shepherd who searches for his lost sheep!



## LESSON - THREE PARABLES

Watch the Bible story video: [Three Parables](#)

### Story Point! (Kids repeat!)

**Jesus told stories about people who were looking for things that were lost! (Kids repeat!)**

If you lost something important, you would do anything to find it, right? Jesus told 3 stories about this. In the first parable, He talked about a shepherd who had 100 sheep - but lost just one. That shepherd left the 99 and went to look for the 1 who was lost. Similarly in our second story, a woman who loses one of her 10 coins and finds that one coin would certainly celebrate when she found it! Finally, in the third story - a man had two sons and gave them both some money. One of the sons took the money and left his father and spent it all away. He was so embarrassed to come home and tell his dad, but his dad ran to him and celebrated that he had come back home!!

### Christ Connection! (Kids Repeat!)

**Jesus celebrates when His lost kids come home! (Kids Repeat!)**

Just like that shepherd who lost the one sheep, Jesus came to save each and every one of you! He loves you and when we turn to Jesus from our own sinful ways, He celebrates us! Even when we've made bad decisions in our lives, we don't have to be afraid to run to Jesus. He will forgive us and give us unconditional love!

## RESPONSE



**Sing:** [Colossians 1:13-14](#) (Key Passage Song)  
[Reckless Love](#)

**Discuss:**

- What did the man who lost one of his sheep do? (He left his other sheep to find the one that was lost.)
- What did the father do when his younger son came home? (Welcomed him and celebrated)
- Who has rescued us and celebrates when we come to Him? (Jesus!)

*If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at [hdisbrow@midtowncolumbia.com](mailto:hdisbrow@midtowncolumbia.com).*

**Key Passage:** “God made us free from the power of darkness, and he brought us into the kingdom of his great Son.” - Colossians 1:13

**Pray** - God, thank you that you sent Jesus to rescue us! Thank you for celebrating when we turn from our own ways and come to You! We love you!

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## BONUS ACTIVITIES



**Coloring Sheet** - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

**Throw a Party** - Set up the room for a celebration. Wear party hats or other festive accessories! Shout, “Let’s celebrate!” Serve special snacks while you review the Bible story.

**Parents say** - Jesus told stories about people who were looking for things that were lost. Each time the people found what had been lost, they told their friends, “Let’s celebrate!” and threw a big party! Jesus told these stories to teach about Himself. Jesus looks for people who are lost, people who do not know Him. Jesus came to save people who do not know Him. Jesus said, “In heaven, God’s angels will celebrate when one person is sorry for his sin and turns back to God.”