

Three Parables

IDC Kids Preschool

Bible Passage: Luke 15

Key Passage: Colossians 1:13

Story Point: Jesus came to save people who do not know Him.

Big Picture Question: How does God care for His creation? God loves and rules over all He made.

Christ Connection: 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.

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Review Questions

What did the shepherd do when he found his lost sheep? (*He celebrated!*)

What did the woman do when she found her lost coin? (*She celebrated!*)

What did the father do when his younger son came home? (*He celebrated!*)

What happens in heaven when someone turns away from their sin and back to God? (*Heaven celebrates!*)

Whom did Jesus come to save? (**Jesus came to save people who do not know Him.**)

How does God care for His creation? God loves and rules over all He made.

Learn the big picture question

Say • Can you answer our big picture question? ***How does God care for His creation? God loves and rules over all He made.*** God is like the shepherd who goes after his lost sheep. He is like the woman who searches for her lost coin. He is like the father who welcomes his lost son home and invites his other son to celebrate. God is delighted when we are sorry for our sin and turn to Him.

Practice the key passage

Turn in your Bible to Colossians 1:13. Read the key passage aloud. Write each word or phrase of the key passage on separate pieces of paper and hide them around the room. Encourage children to find all the missing words. Put the key passage in order and celebrate when it is complete.

Say • Jesus looks for people who do not know Him and brings them to Him. He gave His life to save people from sin and bring us into God's kingdom. God celebrates when people turn to Jesus whom He loves!

Sing the key passage song, "He Has Rescued Us," and the theme song, "Jesus Reigns Forever."

Activity Page

Use the key to help preschoolers find and circle the lost sheep, coin, and man in the picture.

Say • Have you ever lost something really special to you? Did you look everywhere to find it? Jesus told stories about people looking for a lost sheep, a lost coin, and even a lost son to explain how God looks for people who are lost. Listen to our Bible story today to see what I mean!

Pray

- Say • 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, who are far from God. Jesus gave His life to save people from sin. **Jesus came to save people who do not know Him.**
- Say • God, thank You for loving us so much that You did not leave us lost in our sin. You sent Your very own Son to rescue us and give His life. Help us turn from our sin and follow You. Amen.

Activities

Play emotion charades

Describe a situation, then say, "I would feel ...," and play out that emotion without saying anything. Invite children to guess your emotion. Allow volunteers to play out emotions one at a time. Use the suggested scenarios or make up your own. Ask, "How would you feel?" A child should silently play out her answer while the other children guess.

- Say • Most of us feel sad when we lose something special, and we feel happy when it is found. Some of us might feel excited if our brother got a cool new toy while some of us might feel jealous or angry. How we act when we feel those emotions is very important. In our Bible story today, we will hear about people who felt many different emotions.

Find the puzzle piece

Set out several puzzles. Remove one piece from each puzzle and hide the pieces in the room. When a child discovers a piece is missing, invite her to search for it.

- Say • Jesus told stories about a shepherd's lost sheep, a woman's lost coin, and a father's lost son to teach us about Him. **Jesus came to save people who do not know Him**, people who are lost in their sin.

Clean the room

Offer toy and child-friendly cleaning tools and supplies for preschoolers to "clean" the room.

- Say • Jesus told a story about a woman who swept her house looking for her lost coin. When she found it, she invited all her friends and neighbors to celebrate with her. Jesus told this story to teach about Himself. **Jesus came to save people who do not know Him**, people who are lost and without God.

Search sensory bins

Provide three sensory bins: one with a coin, one with a plastic sheep, and one with a person figure.

Blindfold a preschooler while she feels for an item. When she finds the item, remove the blindfold and encourage her to celebrate.

- Say • Jesus told stories about a coin, a sheep, and a lost son. Jesus told these stories to teach about Himself. **Jesus came to save people who do not know Him.** Jesus came to earth to find people who are lost. He gave His life to save people from sin.

Make a pig

Use dark pink construction paper to cut out a large circle (head), two triangles (ears), and two rectangles (legs). Use light pink construction paper to cut out a small circle (nose). Use black construction paper for two smaller circles (nostrils). Show children step by step how to assemble their pigs. Give each child a set of googly eyes to finish his pig.

- Say • The lost son got a job feeding pigs when he ran out of money. When he went home, his father forgave him for his wrong choices, like God forgives us. ***How does God care for His creation? God loves and rules over all He made.***