



# The Lost Sheep

*Luke 15:1-7 and John 10:2-5, 11-15*

## ▶ My Story

In this story, I'm most like . . .

## ▶ God's Mission

This story showed me this about God:

about me:

about others:

## ▶ My Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for being my good shepherd! You always . . .

Forgive me for times when . . .

Please show your love to these people who seem to be hurting, lost, or lonely . . .

Help me to show your love to them too.  
Amen.



# Feeling Sheepish?

Ever wonder why the Bible compares followers of Jesus to sheep? Visit [www.Sheep101.info](http://www.Sheep101.info). Read “About Sheep” to learn about sheep smarts and discover what happens if they follow a bad leader.

Spend a few minutes today talking to your good shepherd in prayer!

## Sheep Smarts

How much do you know about sheep?

1. There are about 1 billion sheep on the planet.

T  F

2. Sheep are stupid.

T  F

3. Sheep prefer still water when they drink.

T  F

4. Ewes usually give birth to twins.

T  F

5. Sheep have a good sense of hearing.

T  F

6. Sheep are color blind.

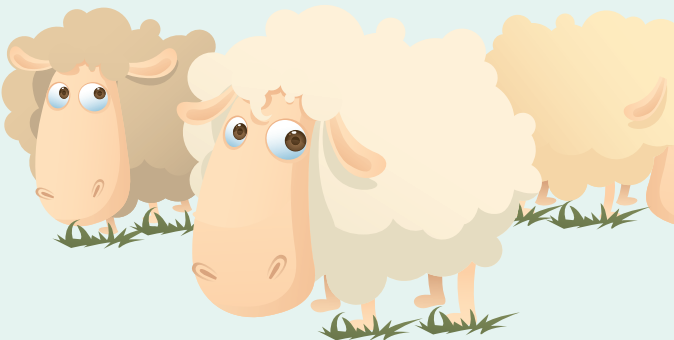
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7. A baby lamb can identify its mother by smell.

T  F

8. A one-year-old sheep is called a hogget.

T  F



## Sheep Detective

How many more places in the Bible can you find that mention sheep? If you're not sure, try searching online for sheep and shepherds in the Bible. Then make your list!



## Jesus: My Good Shepherd

**Psalm 23** creates a vivid picture in our minds of what it's like to be known and loved by God. Read Psalm 23 and imagine yourself as the sheep in the pasture. Which part sounds the best to you? Sit quietly for a moment and listen for the voice of the good shepherd—what is Jesus saying to your heart?

# Learn Your Signs

This is the sign language prayer your group will be saying together each time you get ready to listen to God's story during the next few weeks. Practice the signs and teach them to your friends or family!

## SPEAK



## LORD



## YOUR



## PEOPLE



## ARE



## LISTENING



1. T; 2. F—Sheep can think, solve problems, and have excellent memories; 3. F—Sheep prefer to drink from running or flowing water; 4. T; 5. T; 6. F—Sheep can see color. They just have trouble seeing things that are too close to them; 7. F—A baby lamb identifies its mother by her bleat. 8. T

Memory



Challenge:

*Psalm 23:1-6*

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# The Lost Son

*Luke 15:11-32*

## ► Bible Story

This story makes me feel ...

I think Jesus wanted me to know that ...

## ► My Prayer

Dear Father, thank you for being my loving father, even when ...

Help me to show your love to others, even when ...

Amen.



# Who's Lost?

Sometimes people call today's story the story of the lost sons. Why might that be? Look through the words on these pages.

- ▶ Circle words that describe the older son.
- ▶ Draw a square around words that describe the younger son.
- ▶ Make a triangle around words that describe the father.



## Phari-who?

The Pharisees were often in the crowd who listened to the stories of Jesus. They were the religious leaders of the Jewish people—very important people. If you want to find out more about these well-known Bible people check out Pharisees on Wikipedia.

Why do you think Jesus wanted the Pharisees to hear this story?

## The Lost Son Today

What if Jesus were telling the story of the lost son today in your church or school? How might the story change? For example, where would the son go when he left home? Try writing or drawing your version of the story.



Don't forget to look for today's symbol in your God's Big Story card box!

# Word Wizard

Find the following words in the word search from the story of the lost son:

FATHER | LOST | PIGS | COMPASSION | HUNGRY  
SIN | CELEBRATE | PARTY | HOME | OLDER SON

P A C D G H Z D O N  
I X P O C U B A T O  
G E P Z E N I S Q I  
S R T B L G O C E S  
F A T H E R I G H S  
J L H U B Y T R F A  
O T O D R Y T R A P  
S N M S A M J W X M  
P Q E A T K Z Y L O  
R O L D E R S O N C

## Think About It

Read Luke 15:11-32. With a pencil, circle all the times the passage mentions the word FATHER. How many times is it written?

Which words from the parable of the lost son would you use to describe God our Father? Circle the best ones in your opinion.

Angry Peaceful Forgiving  
Hateful Loving Bitter

Memory



Challenge:

Psalm 23:1-2

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