



Last week we looked at the parable of the Prodigal Son and how his father welcomed him back, even although he had been foolish. This week we have two more parables from the New Testament. You can find them in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 15 verses 1-10, just before parable of the Prodigal Son. They make a small group emphasising one important message Jesus wanted to teach. Both stories are parables which are special stories that Jesus told to teach people about God and the way they should live their lives.

You can look up the parables of the **lost coin** and the **lost sheep** in a Bible or you might like to follow the link and read the story in another way using special signs: <https://request.org.uk/restart/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2014/12/RE-start-text-frame-lost.pdf>

I wonder if you have ever lost something or someone and been very happy when you found it again?

The father, the woman and the shepherd rejoiced when they found what they had lost and were so excited that each held celebrations with their family and friends. Jesus in the parables is explaining that God’s love is for everyone and is always there waiting for us, no matter where we go or what we do.



Our ideas for activities this week are all about finding lost things

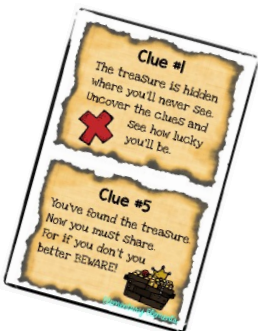
How about thinking of something that you have lost today and find it!

Play a hide and seek game starting with something quite big and end up hiding something small. You could give hints like “cold,” “warmer” and “hot” to help people seeking. Who is best at finding things?

Look and see if you can find any coins in the house, especially foreign ones and try doing a rubbing. Can you make a pattern or even a picture from the shapes?



Check out the picture stories again and see if you can draw any of the words, make a sentence or make up a new sign for a word.



Make up a treasure hunt with clues or a map and hide a prize for someone at home to find.

Did you celebrate when you found your lost things?

You can email in any photos or pictures of things you made if you like.

Prayer:

Dear God,

Wherever we go and whatever we do, you welcome us home. Thank you for loving us so much.

Amen