



The Word @ Home

Pentecost 14
Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

The Point

God seeks after us even when we feel lost.

Key Verse

And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”
– Luke 15:2

Scripture Summaries

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Parables of the Lost

In response to criticism from the Pharisees and scribes for associating with “undesirables,” Jesus tells two parables: the lost sheep and the lost coin. They are parallel stories: one out of many was lost, the person spent a lot of effort finding the lost thing, and the owner rejoiced when the item was found.

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

The Israelites created an idol out of gold when Moses was up on Sinai with God for an extremely long period of time. God got angry, but Moses talked God out of killing the Israelites.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The author lays out his long list of sins and shortcomings so that others will learn through the salvation and forgiveness that he has received.

Seasons & Festivals

The time between Pentecost Sunday and the beginning of Advent is the longest season of the church year. In most Protestant churches, this is called the season after Pentecost and the Sundays are designated by the number of Sundays after Pentecost Sunday. The liturgical color is green and is often connected with the theme of growth. Other denominations, including Episcopalians and other Anglicans, call this season Ordinary Time—not “ordinary” as in “not special,” but related to the ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.).

Discussion Starters

- What have you lost that you wish you could find?
- How does it make you feel to know that Jesus thinks you are so special that he would go out and search for you?
- What is one way that you can help someone who might be feeling lost this week?

Prayer of the Week

Jesus, sometimes we feel lost and alone. Help us to remember that you will always search for us. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday

Read Luke 15:1-10 Owners seeks a lost coin and a lost sheep.
Take turns hiding a coin or stuffed animal and have the others find it.

Monday

Read 1 Timothy 1:18-20 Timothy is given advice.
Share the best piece of advice that you have every received.

Tuesday

Read 2 Peter 3:8-13 The Lord is patient.
Sit in silence for one minute. Did this feel like a short or a long time? How do you think God feels about time?

Wednesday

Read Luke 22:31-33, 54-62 Jesus predicts Peter's denial.
Read Luke 22:54-62 together. How do you think Peter felt when he realized Jesus' prediction was true?

Thursday

Read Romans 3:1-8 God is just.
Share a time that you were punished fairly.

Friday

Read Romans 8:31-39 Nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus.
Have two family members hug, while the others try to pull them apart. Imagine how much stronger is Jesus' grip on each of us.

Saturday

Mark 12:41-44 The widow gives her last coin.
Go get one thing that you treasure. What would it feel like to give that item away?



Blessing for the Week

Share this blessing while tracing a cross on each person's forehead or hand with their permission:
Jesus seeks you when you feel lost. Amen.