



LOST &  
FOUND



**H**ave you ever been lost? Maybe you wandered away from your parents, took a wrong turn, or lost track of your friends in a crowd? It can be scary to realize you're not sure where you are or how to get home again, and the same thing is true when it comes to our faith. See, you and I were created to be close to the God who made and loves us. But some of us don't know our Creator yet. And some of us know Jesus but we wander (or at least we feel) far away from Him. In this 3-week series, we'll explore a series of stories Jesus once told about things that were lost and then got found again. Through those stories, we'll discover that Jesus notices you, values you, and invites you to the party when others come home.

# WEEK ONE

## THE BIG IDEA:

**Jesus Notices You.**

## THE BIBLE:

**Luke 15:1-7; Isaiah 53:6;  
Psalm 139:1-18**

### FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE VIDEO:

1. SCAVENGER HUNT: While staying in your seats, find the following items in the parking lot. Have your leader take a picture and send it to Josh or Brooks.
1. Brooks
  2. Josh
  3. 2 High School Leaders
  4. A picture of Cooper the Yellow Lab
  5. A red ball
  6. A jump rope
  7. A red car
  8. A pair of swim goggles
  9. A black shoe
  10. A box of crackers
  11. A can of coke

2. Tell your group a quick story about a time you got lost.

- What does Jesus' story about the lost sheep tell us about what God is like?

- Read Psalm 139:1-18. Has there ever been a time when you really needed to hear these words? Tell us about it.

**SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:**

**LIGHTHEARTED**

- If you could get lost anywhere in the world, where would you want to get lost?

- Have you ever actually gotten lost? Tell us about it!

**QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD**

- What are some ways a person might be spiritually lost?

- What are some reasons why a follower of Jesus might wander away from God?

**PERSONAL**

- Do you relate to the lost sheep in the story? How so?

- What do you think or feel about the words, "Jesus notices you"?

- What do you think your next step could be on your journey toward Jesus?

# WEEK TWO

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## THE BIG IDEA:

**Jesus Values You.**

## THE BIBLE:

**Luke 15:8-10**

### FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE VIDEO:

1. What's the weirdest thing you've seen in a Lost and Found?
2. Make a trash sculpture and have your leader send a picture to Josh or Brooks

**SCRIPTURE: (You can popcorn read this)**  
**Luke 15: 8-10**

The Parable of the Lost Coin  
"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

### SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

#### LIGHTHEARTED

- Have you ever found something awesome that someone else lost or threw away? What was it?
- Has anyone ever wanted to keep something you were going to throw away? What was it?

#### LITTLE DEEPER

- How do you think it's possible for two people to value the same thing differently?
- Tell us about a time you felt valuable. What made you feel that way?

#### QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD

- What are some reasons why someone might not feel valuable to God or to others?
- What does Jesus' story about the lost coin teach us about God?

## PERSONAL

- Do you think you ever view or treat others as though they're less valuable than they really are? Give an example.
  
- Do you think you ever calculate your value based on the wrong things? Give an example.
  
- What can you do this week to value yourself and others the way God values you

# WEEK THREE

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## THE BIG IDEA:

**Jesus invites you to the party.**

## THE BIBLE:

**Luke 15:1-2, 15:11-32; Titus 3:3-6;  
Romans 12:15-16**

## FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE VIDEO:

1. Find the objects hidden in the pictures on the screen.
  
2. Question: Have you ever found something you thought was lost?

## **SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:**

### **LIGHTHEARTED**

- Okay, be honest — have you thrown any tantrums recently? What were you so mad about?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What do you think the difference is between getting mad and getting bitter?

### **A LITTLE MORE PERSONAL**

- What are some reasons why someone might get bitter toward someone else?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- When someone else succeeds or gets celebrated, how do you usually feel? Why do you think you react the way you do?

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD**

- What does Jesus' story show us about God? What does it show us about ourselves and each other?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Read Romans 12:15-16. What could the older brother and the Pharisees learn from these verses? What do you think you still need to learn?

## **PERSONAL QUESTIONS AGAIN!**

- Have you ever seen Jesus-followers be judgmental or bitter toward people they considered "sinful"? How do you think this parable would apply to those situations?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- At the beginning of this series, what did you think it meant to be "lost"? Has your understanding changed at all in the last few weeks?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What is something you can do this week to celebrate someone you've judged or been bitter toward?

