

OUR PART IN THE STORY:

Daily devotions on Sunday's Narrative Lectionary text

Lost Sheep, Coin, Son Luke 15:1-32

SHARE your highs and lows for the day.

READ Sunday's entire text each day to learn the story deeply. This reading includes three vivid and well-known stories, and is just perfect for readers' theater or other types of corporate reading.

- ❖ Teach pre-readers the simple lines, "I once was lost, but now am found." Have them recite their line at the end of each of the three parables.
- ❖ Give listeners a word to respond to in each parable, and have them make a sound or a sign when they hear that word. Good words to consider might be "sheep," "coin," and "son."

TALK about what you just read, and relate it to your highs and lows. The questions and prompts below are intended to spark discussion and action. Use one each day or several at one sitting.

- ❖ Which of these parables is the most meaningful to you? Why?
- ❖ What is very precious to you? What would you do if it were lost?
- ❖ Who would you be in the Prodigal Son story? What qualities do you possess that relate to that character?
- ❖ Have you ever forgiven someone who didn't deserve it? How did you move past the hurt to be able to forgive them? When have you been forgiven of something you didn't deserve to be forgiven of? How has that forgiveness affected you?

PRAY for your family and friends, in gratitude for God's forgiveness and grace, for your highs and lows, and for the compassion to forgive others.

BLESS each other by making the sign of the cross on each other's forehead and saying, "God forgives you; forgive each other."

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Read a different text each day, and consider how it relates to Sunday's lesson and to your daily experiences.

MONDAY: The Parable of the Dishonest Manager Luke 16:1-13

- ❖ What good wisdom can you share about honesty?

TUESDAY: The Law and the Kingdom of God Luke 16:14-18

- ❖ What is the difference between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law?

WEDNESDAY: The Divine Shepherd Psalm 23

- ❖ How does this psalm relate, for you, with the Parable of the Lost Sheep? What do these texts tell you about who God is?

THURSDAY: Lost Sheep Jeremiah 50:5-7

- ❖ Has anyone ever led you astray? How do you become "found" once you've been lost?

FRIDAY: The Joy of Forgiveness Psalm 32:1-7

- ❖ What does receiving forgiveness feel like to you? Try writing a psalm or poem about it

SATURDAY: Forgiveness Matthew 18:21-22

- ❖ What is your limit for forgiving someone? How many times is too many?