

**NURSERY AtHome** - A Parent Resource

As the primary spiritual nurturer of your home, this resource is designed to inspire, equip, and support you as you share God’s Word with your child.

**God Statement:** Jesus Pursues

**Memory Verse:** See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1a

**Jesus Pursues | The Lost Sheep & Lost Coin**

Luke 15:1-10

Jesus told some different stories to show the people how much God loves them and wants them to be part of His family. In the first story, Jesus told about a lost sheep. The shepherd left all his other sheep to search for that one lost sheep. And when he found it, he celebrated with his friends. In the second story, Jesus talked about a woman who had 10 coins but lost one of them. She swept and swept and swept her house until she found the lost coin. She was so happy when she found it! God feels the same way when lost people— people who don’t know God— choose to follow Him and become part of His family.



The shepherd left all his other sheep to search for that one lost sheep. And when he found it, he celebrated with his friends. How do you celebrate when you have found something you’ve lost?



Jesus talked about a woman who had 10 coins but lost one of them. She swept and swept and swept her house until she found the lost coin. She was so happy when she found it! Where would you look if you lost a coin?

Repetition is an important part of your child’s development and growth. Enjoy re-reading the story and declaring Jesus Pursues throughout the day. Use the extra activities below to connect with God’s Word this week.

**PRAY**

- Open a Bible and read Luke 15:1-7.
- What did the shepherd do when the sheep was lost? What did the shepherd do when the sheep was found?
- Thank God that Jesus pursues you, whenever you wander from following His ways.

**EXPERIENCE**

Hide and Seek — Play a classic game of Hide and Seek together. When you find the hidden person, shout, “Jesus Pursues!” Talk about the stories Jesus told in Luke 15:1-10. What might it feel like to be lost? How do you feel that Jesus pursues you (looks for you) to bring you into His family? What might it feel like to be found?

**BLESS**

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*Child’s name*, may you know that your Heavenly Father loves you. May know that Jesus pursues you. May you know you are valuable to Jesus!

# We Bee-lieve...Jesus Pursues!

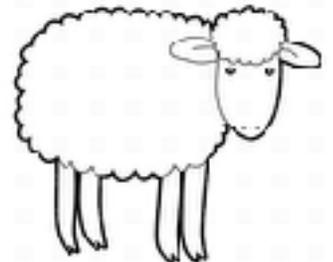
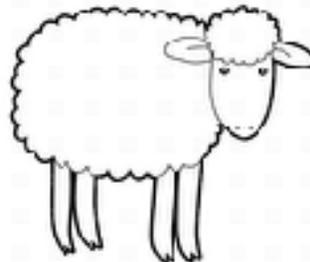
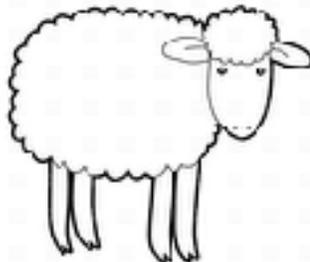
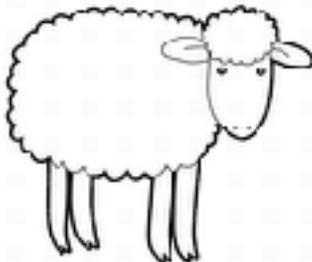
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Luke 15:1-10

The shepherd left all his other sheep to search for that one lost sheep. And when he found it, he celebrated with his friends.



Count and color the sheep below.



## God Statement :: Jesus Pursues

**Memory Verse ::** *See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we may be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 1 John 3:1*

### JUNE | Week 1

#### Lost Sheep, Coin, and Son Matthew 18:10-14; Luke 15:1-10

Jesus told three different stories to show the people how much God loves them and pursues them. In the first story, Jesus told about a lost sheep. The shepherd left his 99 sheep to search for that one lost sheep. And when he found it, he celebrated with his friends. In the second story, a woman who had 10 coins had lost one of them. She swept and swept her house until she found the lost coin. She was so happy when she found it! In the last story, Jesus told about a young man who left his father to go out into the world. The man wasted all the money his father gave him, and did things he shouldn't have done. After a while, the young man became very poor and decided to go back home. Do you think his father was angry? No! He was very excited his son had come home, and threw a big party.

#### Discover

- The Jewish leaders looked disapprovingly on tax collectors, Gentiles, and “sinners” as morally and religiously impure. They were considered lost.
- God chose the descendants of Abraham to take the message of who He is to the entire world. It was to be through the example of their relationship with God that other nations would be able to know the one true God.
- Jesus rebuked the judgmental mutterings of the Pharisees and teachers by telling three different parables with one central point: God rejoices when the lost are found (and so the Pharisees should too).

#### Experience

Play a game of hide-and-seek with your children. After playing, sit down and read together the parable of the lost sheep in **Matthew 18:12-14**. Explain to your children that Jesus told this parable (story) to help us understand how much God loves us, and that He celebrates when the lost are found. Everyone is important in God's eyes. Talk together about how it feels to know that God is always watching over us.

#### Follow

After reading through **Matthew 18:12-14**, discuss these questions together:

- What did the man do when one of his sheep wandered off?
- Why did the man care about the one lost sheep when he still had 99?
- How does it feel to know that Jesus pursues you because He loves you?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to have conversations about how Jesus Pursues in your everyday life.

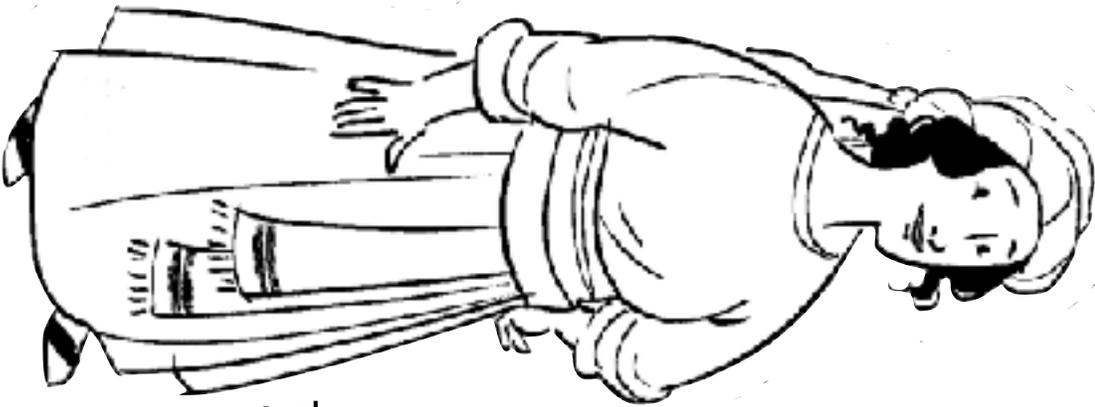
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#### A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's Name), **may you know that your Heavenly Father loves you. May you know that Jesus Pursues! Because of His great love for you, Jesus pursues you. May you see that Jesus guides you and has an amazing plan for you. May you pursue Jesus the same way He pursues you!**

# Jesus Pursues!



This woman has misplaced one of her coins. Can you help find the **LOST COIN** and color it yellow?



Somebody is missing from this family photo. Can you search for the **LOST SON** and color his robe purple?

One of the shepherd's sheep has wandered off! Can you spot the **LOST SHEEP** and color him in?

