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# The lost are found





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Sunday between September 11 and September 17



#### Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

- 1. Share about a time when you lost something really special. How did you react?
- 2. Read the parable of the lost sheep (Luke 15:3-7). How do people get "lost" from God? How does God respond?
- 3. What does it mean to repent? How does God treat those who repent?



## **BIBLE READINGS**

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	Luke 15:1-10	The lost sheep and the lost coin
M	John 10:11-18	Jesus, the good shepherd
Т	1 Timothy 1: 12-17	The Lord's grace
W	Ezra 9:1-5, 10:1-12	The people of Israel confess
Т	Romans 5:1-11	Christ died for sinners
F	2 Peter 3:8-13	That all may come to repentance
S	Psalm 85	Restore us again, O God

# VERSE OF THE WEEK

Here is a saying that you can trust.

It should be accepted completely. Christ

Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 TIMOTHY 1: 15A





#### CREATIVE RESPONSE

Play a good old-fashioned game of 'hide and seek'.

Talk about how God rejoices when people who are lost from him return.

Work together on completing a jigsaw puzzle.

As you do, talk about how each piece in the puzzle is needed and has a special place – and how, in a similar way, each one of us is valuable to God and is sought out by him.

Share about the special qualities you see in one another.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

In grace you seek us and with love you feed us. Lord, help us serve all those who need us.

Amen.



Lord Jesus, thank you for looking for us when we are lost and for carrying us home. Amen.



# **ACTION RESPONSE**

Take a large garbage bag and go for a walk around your neighbourhood. Collect as many lost or discarded items as you can.



# **BLESSING**

(Name) You are God's treasured possession.