

CATECHESIS@HOME 2022 #25

"HE WAS LOST AND IS FOUND"

(24th Sunday of Ordinary Time)



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INTRODUCTION

Dear parents and guardians. This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the gospel reading of 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we have gathered here in the name of Jesus. Help us to realise that you love us dearly and are always waiting for us to be with You. Holy Spirit, guide us during this lesson. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Invite someone to read Luke 15: 1-32 (or 1 – 10). Later, reflect on the questions given together as a family, and share your responses with one another. (If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding).

Time of reflection and response:

In today's gospel passage, we have one of the clearest descriptions of Jesus' and, therefore, of God's thinking and attitude towards the person who sins. God desires to forgive, that is, to be totally reconciled with the one who has sinned and has cut off his or her relationship with Him.

Jesus tells Pharisees three parables. The first parable is about a shepherd who has lost one of his sheep. He goes to extraordinary lengths, even leaving all the other sheep, to find that single one that has gone astray. The second parable is about a poor woman who loses a coin. It may be only one coin but it means a lot to her. She turns her house upside down till she finds it and when she does, she joyfully tells all her neighbours. The third parable is usually called the "Prodigal Son" but, in fact, it is actually about the loving father, who clearly represents God and Jesus.

The three parables present a picture of God and the sinner. For God, even one person who has sinned is important to Him. So, God never gives up on him or her. He constantly calls on the sinner to repent, and patiently waits for him or her to do so. When a sinner turns back to God, God forgives and rejoices and shares His joy with the angels in heaven.

Do I place limits of God's forgiveness? Why?

What lesson can I learn from the father in the parable?

What lessons can I learn from the younger son's attitude?

What lessons can I learn from the older son's attitude?

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the Sunday Gospel. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

Activity #1: Find the words.

The Lost Sheep

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" Luke 15:4 (NIV)

Based on Luke 15:1-7



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O A D V Y V Q L J Z G P Y T I
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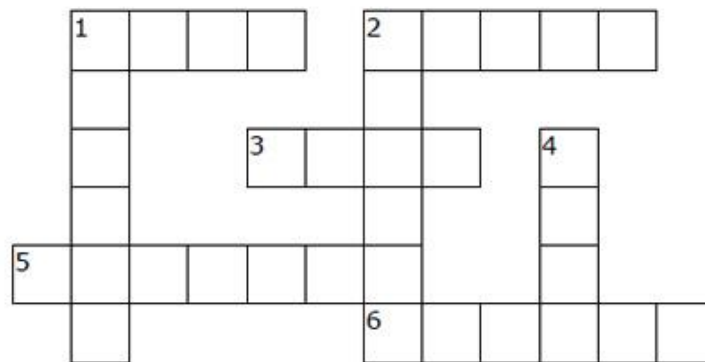
HOME	RIGHTEOUS	FIND	SHEEP	PERSON
HUNDRED	HEAVEN	FOUND	PARABLE	SINNER
ONE	LOST	REPENT	FRIENDS	REJOICE

Activity #2: Solve the puzzle.

The Lost Sheep

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ACROSS

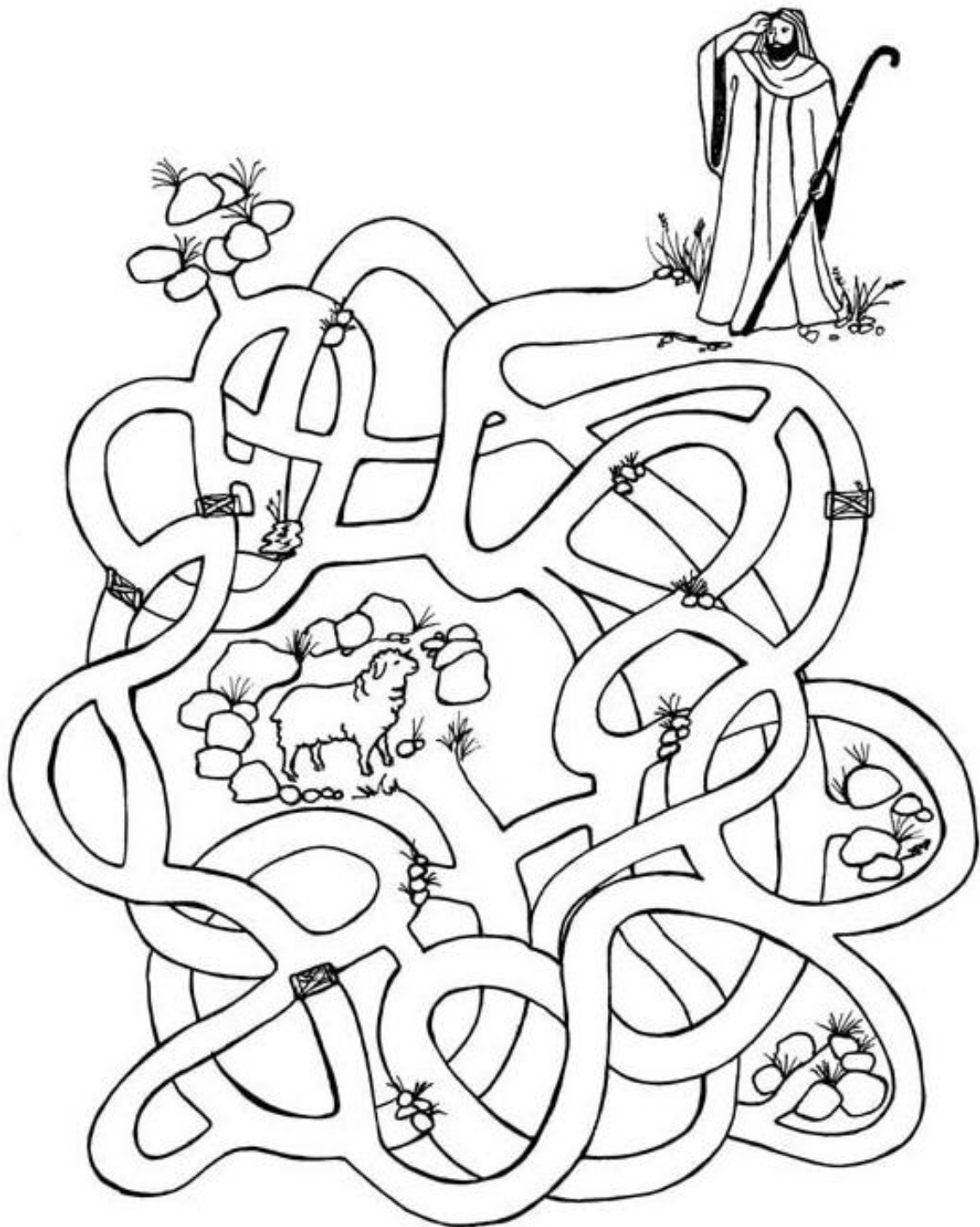
1. The place where a person lives
2. A wooly farm animal related to the goat
3. To locate something that was lost
5. To express great happiness and joy
6. To turn away from sin

DOWN

1. The place where God and angels live
2. A person who breaks God's law
4. To no longer have something because you don't know where it is

REJOICE	SINNER	HEAVEN	SHEEP
REPENT	LOSE	FIND	HOME

Activity #3: Help the shepherd find the lost sheep.



Activity #4: Fill in the blanks.

God's Lost & Found

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



The Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin

Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred _____ and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the _____ sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his _____ and _____ together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have _____ my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in _____ over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver _____ and loses one. Does she not light a _____, _____ 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 _____ who repents."

Luke 15:3-10 (NIV)

coins	friends	lamp	neighbors	sinner
found	heaven	lost	sheep	sweep

Activity #5: Break the code.

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?" Luke 15:8 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 15:8-10.



The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

6-9-14-4 _____

12-15-19-5 _____

23-15-13-1-14 _____

6-15-21-14-4 _____

3-15-9-14-19 _____

1-14-7-5-12-19 _____

12-1-13-16 _____

18-5-10-15-9-3-5 _____

FIND
COINS

LOSE
ANGELS

WOMAN
LAMP

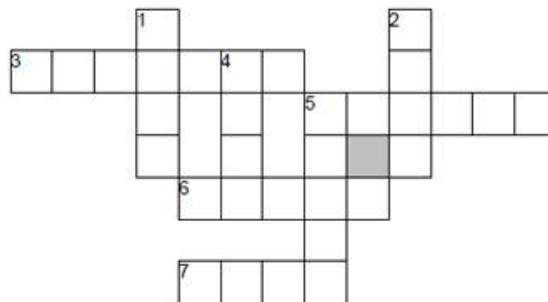
FOUND
REJOICE

Activity #6: Solve the puzzle.

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ACROSS

3. To feel or show great happiness about something
5. A person who disobeys God's laws
6. A heavenly being often used by God as his messenger
7. A device placed on a table to give light

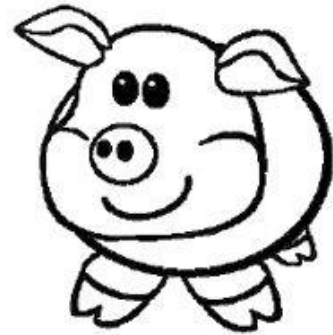
DOWN

1. To no longer possess something because you do not know where it is
2. To locate something by searching for it
4. a small round piece of metal which is used as money
5. To clean a floor by using a broom

ANGEL	COIN	FIND	SINNER
REJOICE	LAMP	LOSE	SWEEP

Activity #7: Break the code.

The Parable of the Lost Son



Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:23-24 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
I	J	H	O	W	Z	B	D	L	N	A	U	M	T	E	P	X	S	K	F	V	Q	R	C	Y	G

- 18-4-10-18 _____
- 20-4-12-10-8 _____
- 16-1-26-18 _____
- 18-14-11-23-21-1-10-26 _____
- 5-15-11-9-14-3 _____
- 20-11-14-3-15-23 _____
- 19-1-18-18-15-8 _____
- 9-4-18-14 _____

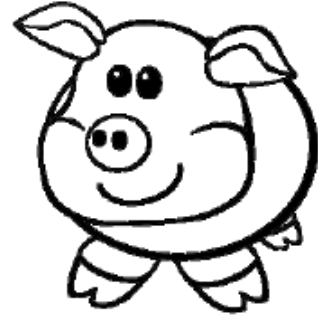
FATHER	WEALTH	PIGS	FOUND
SONS	STARVING	KISSED	LOST

Activity #8: Choose the right word.

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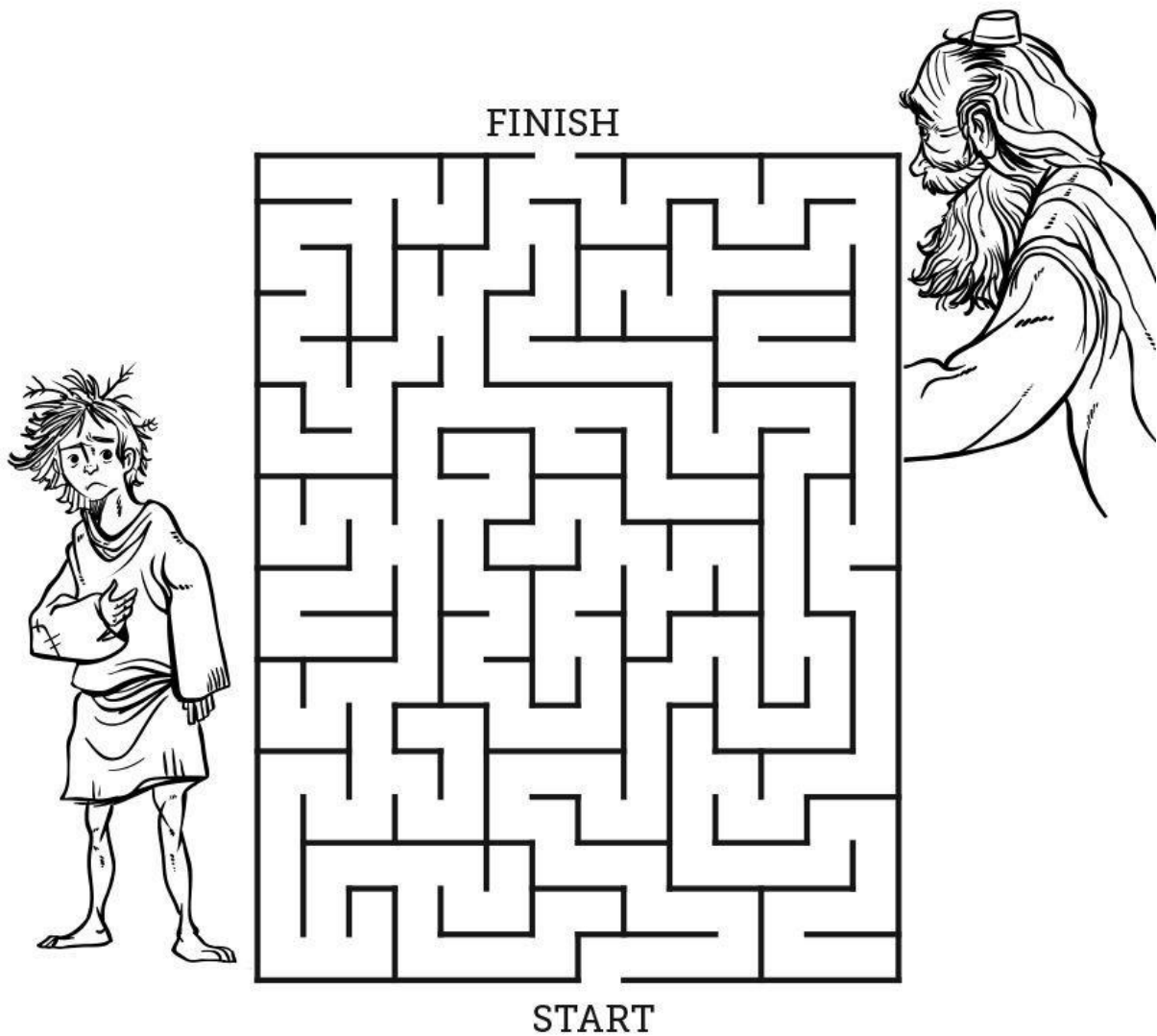
Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. A male parent.
A. kiss B. found C. father D. sons
- ___ 2. The number that is equal to one plus one.
A. two B. feast C. sons D. father
- ___ 3. Your male children.
A. two B. kiss C. sons D. pig
- ___ 4. A large amount of money and other valuable possessions.
A. wealth B. lost C. kiss D. two
- ___ 5. Farm animals with pink, brown, or black skin, short legs, and a flat nose.
A. pig B. sons C. wealth D. father
- ___ 6. To touch or press your lips against another person as a greeting or to express love.
A. feast B. father C. two D. kiss
- ___ 7. A large special meal to celebrate something or honor someone.
A. kiss B. feast C. father D. sons
- ___ 8. To not be able to be found. (I ___ my dog.)
A. two B. found C. sons D. lost
- ___ 9. When something which was lost has been relocated. (I ___ my dog).
A. lost B. found C. father D. feast

Activity #9: Lead the son to his loving father.

THE PRODIGAL SON



Activity #10: Colour the picture and tell the story.

