

# Treasure Hunt



*I think the lost sheep might have looked like this!*

**Bible Story:** The Parables of lost things (the sheep, the coin and the son)

**What we want our family to know:** God knows us. We are His treasure and He LOVES us very much.

**Found in:** Luke 15:1-24

**Youtube story link: The Parable of the lost sheep story**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyWZeOlaRo4>

**Things to think about:** In each of these three stories something is lost, it's looked for, and when it's found there is lots of joy. By telling these stories Jesus is giving clues about God. God loves us very much and wants us to be with Him. He wants us to stay close to Him and he will accept us back with rejoicing because He loves us so much.

**Scripture bible verse song:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc1wHXmXKsk> God is love.  
'Love the Lord with all your heart, all your mind and all your strength' Luke 10:27

Spend some time singing family worship songs that remind the children that God is a good God. He keeps His promises, loves us and challenges us to love Him back!

## Family Chat Questions:

- Have you ever been lost or have you lost something really special? How did it feel?
- How did you feel when you were found or found the special object?
- God loves us more than we love even our most precious thing. How does that make you feel?
- Is there something separating you and God right now? Do you need to say sorry about anything? God will always forgive you. Do you need to forgive someone else?
- What do you want to say to God today? Spend some time chatting to God together about the things and people we think are really special. Then spend some time catching from God how precious he thinks we are.

## Creative prayer activity:

Hold your most precious toy, cuddly toy, special object and say 'Thank you God for giving me..... Thank you that I'm even more precious to you'. You could draw a picture of your precious thing and write on it 'and God thinks I'm even more precious'

# Other activities. . .



## Challenge for Sunday:

Wear the most sparkly outfit that you can possibly can and take a pic (or dress your grown up instead, or a teddy!)

If you happen to have a stone or large pebble at home then paint it and cover it in pva as a varnish. You could then hide it somewhere on your daily exercise walk for someone else to find. Why not write a message about God's love on the stone.

**Wake and Shake song:** Every Move I Make dance-along

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY>

## Sensory play:

Treasures in oats - hide some objects in a tray of oats for your children to find. If you have play sand you could use this instead.

## Sparklers/Superstars craft activity:

Photo treasure hunt around the house (take photos of different locations, show the photo of the first location, the children find the next clue photo there and so on).

Treasure pictures using foil

<https://belladia.typepad.com/.a/6a00d8341cc08553ef013486173277970c-pi>

Cotton wool sheep with clothes peg legs <https://www.catholicicing.com/catholic-craft-we-are-his-sheep/> If you don't have cotton wool you could use wool and wrap it round.

## Superstars/Trailblazers craft activity:

Make 'Find it' bottles for each other <http://www.chaosserveddaily.com/tag/find-it-bottles/>

Scavenger hunt (maybe how many different objects can you find to fit inside a match box) etc

Treasure maps – make your own treasure map and hunt for the treasure. Or make a treasure map board game <https://www.vectorstock.com/royalty-free-vector/pirate-board-game-template-vector-20550554>. You could make it fit with one of the stories we've been reading.

## Games you can play at home:

Hide and Seek!

Hunt the... (hide a special object/sheep/coin) and get the children to find it.