

## **LETTERS FROM A KIDS CHURCH LEADER.**

Hello everyone I hope you're well and have enjoyed a bit of good weather this week - it's always nice to see the sun! All the leaders really miss seeing you on a Sunday and I especially miss all the songs we do with the amazing dances that go along with them! I can't wait to hear all the stories about what you have done during this time, I'm sure you've all been very creative and we are looking forward to seeing you again!

During this uncertain time it's normal to feel confused and a little bit lost, I know I have as I'm not sure what to do to keep myself occupied at times. But the most important thing I can do is trust God and not stray away from him or push him away. This week we are looking at the parable of the lost sheep to find out how important everyone one of us are to God! Sometimes we might do things that push us away from God. We want you to know that even if you are feeling a bit lost or confused that God is out searching for you to bring you back to him so he can rejoice! We need to put our trust in him and remember to pray and give all your worries and concerns over to him.

We hope you all have an amazing week and we can't wait to see photos of all your crafts!

From,

Katie, Ben, Ruth, Nikki, Mark, John, Judith, Abigail and Lois!

### **Challenge:**

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" Luke 15:4 (NIV – because we know you love to add that in!)

This verse is the from our story today. It is a great reminder to read your bible and understand what it means for your life every day. Why don't you memorise it and challenge your family to remember as well?

### **Sing-A-Long:**

Here is a song for you to sing and do some actions. Why don't you get your family involved?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7it5W1FVtTs>

### **Bible Story:**

For the month of May, we are going to learn about parables in the bible. We are looking at the Parable of the Lost Sheep which can be found in Luke 15:1-7. Read the story and watch the video below:

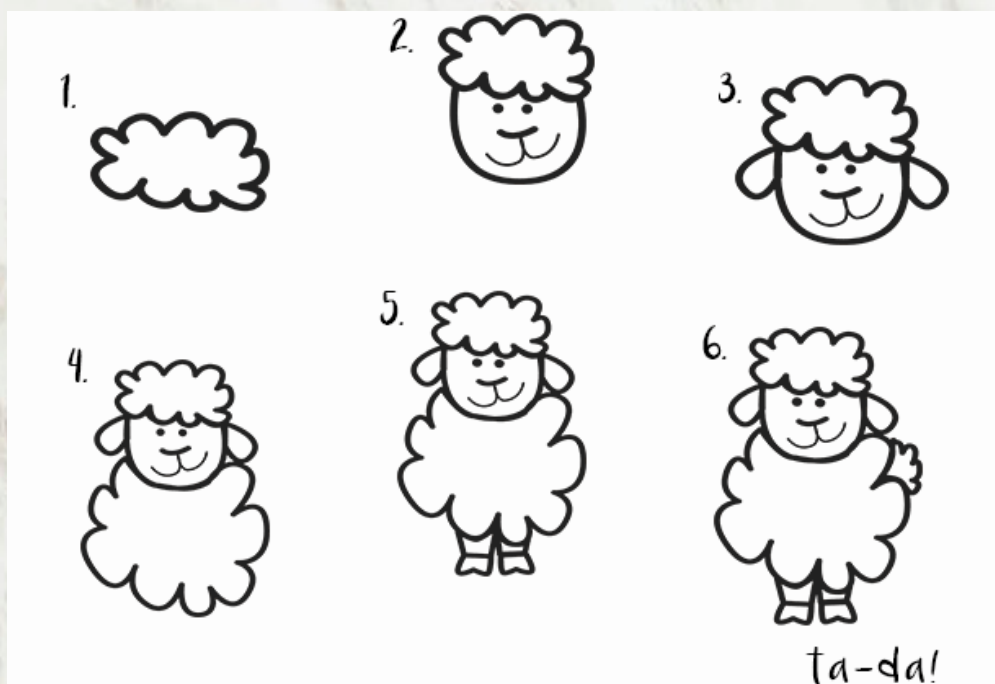
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ry2MaMyvGo>

In this parable we see a shepherd leave ninety-nine sheep to go and look for the one that is missing. Maybe we think this is a little bit strange? Maybe we think that it's not worth the risk to leave ninety-nine sheep, but the shepherd values each individual sheep. The shepherd knows that the ninety-nine sheep are safe but the other one is lost. In our lives, God is the shepherd and we are the sheep. God cares for each of us so much and He wants to have a relationship with us. He wants to go and find the one sheep that is lost and confused and God rejoices so much whenever someone is found. Like Katie said, this parable teaches us how important we are to God. Sheep stray from their shepherd, sometimes we can stray from God. That's why it is so important that we have a relationship with God through talking to Him in prayer and reading the bible. What are some of the worries, doubts or distractions that cause you to stray like a lost sheep?

### Craft:

Today we would love for you to create a poster, based on the Parable of the Lost sheep. Be as creative as you would like with it!

What you will need: Paper or card, colouring pencils and pens.



1. Read the Parable of the Lost Sheep and watch the video to really remember it.
2. Once you are ready, begin creating your masterpiece! We have included a template above that you can use or copy if you would like cartoon sheep.
3. We would love to see your creations, please take a photo and sent it to [steven@railwaystreet.org](mailto:steven@railwaystreet.org)

Worksheet:

I T N I A S I N N E R S M O D  
T I O N S E D E U G I A M N E  
N I N E T Y N I N E S E C E E  
T U E D O L O R E D E L I Q U  
Z R I T E U F E U G L O S T V U  
L A O R H U R S R Y D I T E R  
S U M I S E N D H E T A T V R  
L I S I H U N D R E D A C I E  
U N T A E I Q U A T E E R I P  
L O R E P S E C T E M P P T E  
N U L L H M C O N S E Q U I N  
N O N S E Q U I S C I L L A T  
D R E V R E J O I C E R I U R  
L A O R D M O L O R S I T E R  
S U M I N E N D H E A V E N E

HEAVEN  
HUNDRED

LOST  
NINETYNINE

ONE  
REJOICE

REPENT  
SHEEP

SHEPHERD  
SINNER

How happy do you think the shepherd is whenever the sheep is found? Draw an emoji below to describe:



**Prayer:**

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us and thank you that you gave your one and only Son so that we could have a relationship with you. Whenever we feel lost, we pray that we remember the parable of the lost sheep. We are comforted knowing that you care for each and every one of us. Please help us during this difficult time and surround us in your peace.

For your glory and our good, Amen.

**The End:**

Thank you everyone for taking part in another week of Kids Church. We hope these are useful for all parents and that it helps to point your children to Jesus. Have a good week everyone and we will send out another next week.

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**Other Resources:**

The Bible Project are sending out weekly family encouragements: <https://bibleproject.com>

Illustrated Ministry have lots of Free resources that can be used as well:  
<https://www.illustratedministry.com/>

Railway Street Presbyterian Church: <http://www.facebook.com/RailwayStreetPC>

Hope for Youth Ministries are doing assemblies on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays:  
<https://www.facebook.com/hopeforyouthministries/>

She Reads Truth have a Kids Read Truth section with a free digital download, 'Kids Read Matthew.' This is a daily scripture and activity book, follow the link below to download:  
<https://shereadstruth.com/downloads/>

Made for More have an Encounters with Jesus booklet which can be requested from  
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