



Read Luke 15:8-10 to find the story Jesus told about a woman who lost a coin.



How does God feel about people?
Draw a line to the correct picture.



Which story tells us how God feels about people who are lost but don't know how to come back to Him?

Which story tells us how God feels about someone who is lost and wants to come back to Him?

Which story tells us how God feels about people who are lost and don't even know they are lost?



How does this make you feel about God?



Circle all the true answers.

1. I love Him too!
2. I want Him to find me.
3. I have to think about it some more.



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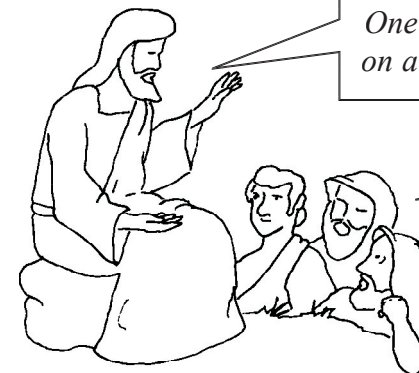
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GOD SENT HIS SON TO BE MY FRIEND

LESSON 7

Jesus Was The Greatest Story Teller

Jesus told a lot of stories. In fact, most of His sermons were stories. This made His sermons interesting so that even children could understand what He was teaching.



One day a man started on a trip to Jericho . . .

We know about that road! It is steep and rocky, and bandits hide there to steal and hurt people!

Sure enough, robbers attacked this man, taking everything he had and hurting him so badly that they thought he was dead. They left him along the road. Three men came by that afternoon . . .



I'm a priest. I work for God.

I'm a Levite. I work in the temple too.



I'm a Samaritan. Jews hate us and won't even talk to us!





*Find this story in Luke 10:30-34.
Now match the men with their
responses to the injured man.*

*I couldn't touch
him. I might get blood
on my new robe!*

*This man is
hurt!*



*Here, let me help you! I have
something in my bag for
your cuts and bruises. I will
take you to an inn near here.*



*He sure is a mess! I
don't have time to stop. I have
more important things to do.
After all, I work for God!*



Jesus asked the crowd, "Which of these people was his neighbor?" Circle the person YOU think acted like a good neighbor, doing what Jesus would do. How do you think Jesus wants *us* to act toward people who are hurt?

Like the Priest

Like the Levite

Like the Samaritan



*In Luke
15:20, 23
you can find
out what
the father
did when
his son
returned.*



Jesus also told a story about a lost sheep. Read Matthew 18:13 and choose the shepherd's response.

I am so glad I found you. You are very precious to me!

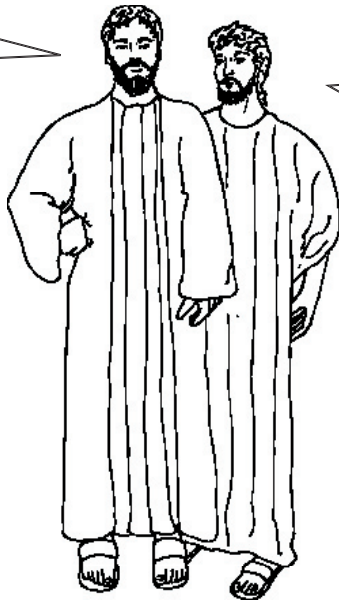


You stupid sheep! Why can't you stay with the others. I am sick of always having to go and find you. You dumb animal.

Oh well, I don't care. I have 99 other sheep anyway. What's one missing sheep to a rich guy like me?

Another story Jesus told . . .

I work for my Dad. He is rich. When he dies I will get half of his money and I will be rich too!



I'm tired of working for Dad. I don't want to wait until he dies. I want my money now! I could have big parties, lots of friends, and do many exciting things. I'm going to ask Dad for my money NOW!

The father felt very sad, but he gave his son the money. The son left home immediately. Every day the father thought, "I'll watch for my son to come home. I will forgive him if he will just come home!"

*My friends all left when my money ran out. They didn't like me . . . just my money. At least I have this job feeding pigs. Even THEY eat better than I do!
My dad's servants live a lot better than this! Maybe if I went back and apologized he would let me live there and work for him as a servant. At least I would have decent food to eat. I am SO hungry!
I'm going HOME!*



Jesus told the story of a man who owed a large amount of money to a king.

He said to the king, "I owe you so much money I'll never be able to pay it back, even if I work all my life. If you throw me in jail, my family won't be able to pay you either."

The king responded, "OK, I will forget the money you owe me."

"Oh, Thank You, Thank You!" cried the man.



On his way home, he met a man who owed him a little bit of money. "I want my money right now!" he shouted.

"I don't have any money with me today, but I will pay you back soon," answered the other man.

"No!" shouted the man. "Give me my money right now!"

The king was very angry when he found out how mean the man had been to his friend who only owed him a little bit of money. So the king called the man back in and said, "Since you aren't willing to forgive the small debt of your friend, I won't forgive your huge debt either!"

If God has forgiven every wrong you do in your entire life, what does He expect you to do when someone wrongs you?

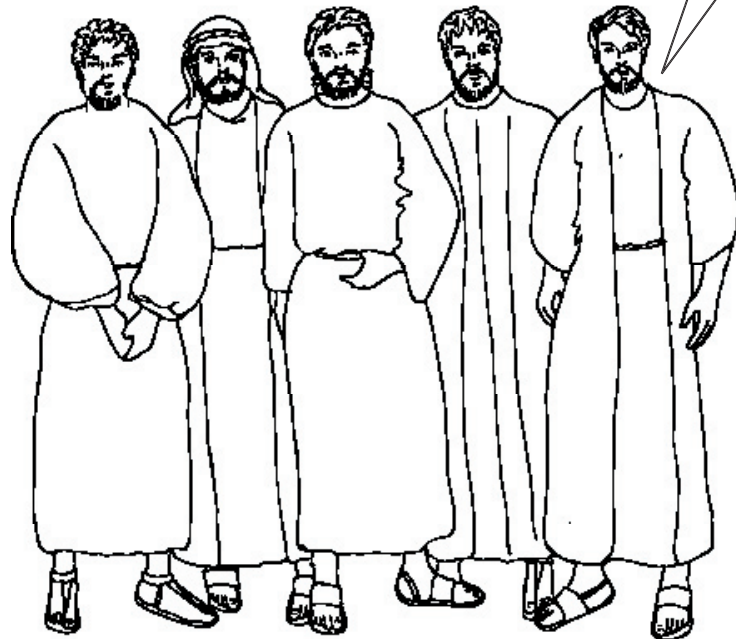
Someday I will come back to earth again, but I will come as a King from heaven to take you home with Me. When I do, I will divide the sheep from the goats.

One day Jesus said . . .

I know about dividing sheep and goats. Every night I have to divide my flocks. They eat together during the day, but the sheep and goats have to sleep in separate places.

To the sheep I will say, "When I was in prison, you came to visit Me. When I was sick, you helped Me. When I was naked and hungry, you gave Me food and clothes. When I was thirsty, you gave Me a drink."

I think He is talking about two groups of people, not real sheep and goats!



To the goats I will say, "When I was in prison, sick, naked, hungry and thirsty, you did nothing!"

Both the sheep and goats will say, "We don't remember ever seeing You in any of those situations!"

Then I will tell them, "The things you did for even the most unimportant person counted as if you did them for Me!"

The way I treat other people must really be important to Jesus. I guess I should treat everyone I meet as if they were Jesus, no matter how they act.

