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1ST–3RD Grade Sunday School

Candy Factory Week 5: Chocolate Forest

Video Game:

Share the Square

It is in the "Sunday School Videos" album and the date is in the comments.

Game: LOST SHEEP IN THE WOODS

ITEMS NEEDED: None

INSTRUCTIONS:

Have kids sit in a large circle with their heads down and eyes closed. Walk around the circle and tap just one kid on the shoulder. Continue to walk around the rest of the way just in case any kids are trying to peek. Instruct the kids to call out to you, "Lost sheep, lost sheep, where are you?" while keeping their eyes closed. The lost sheep will quietly tip-toe to the center of the circle and say, "I'm here, I'm here." Then quietly return to their seat. Ask kids to raise their hand if they have a guess who it was. (Be sure not to call on kids sitting right next to the sheep just in case they hear them get up and sit back down again.)

After asking 3 kids who it was, if no one gets it right let the sheep raise their hand and reveal themselves. Continue playing several rounds.

(This game is similar to Heads Up Seven Up.)

WHAT'S THE POINT?

The shepherd loves their sheep and will leave the other 99 to go find the 1 lost one. This is how Jesus is with us when we are lost or stuck in sin.

Lesson: When we get lost, we can always return to Jesus!

We talked a lot about lost sheep today. But now we are going to read the story of the parable of the lost son. Raise your hand if you have heard this story before? Raise your hand if you have ever been lost before? Raise your hand if you have ever sinned before? That is everybody. Anyone who has ever sinned has been lost. It's not the same kind of lost as being lost at the grocery store or far from home. But it's still lost because we are separated from God. God created us to be in a relationship with Him. When we sin, it separates us from God. This is not a good thing because we need God! He helps us in times of trouble, He takes care of us, He loves us, and we were designed not to be alone!

If you have ever felt lost or afraid, then you know what it feels like to be alone. It's not a good feeling but we never have to be alone. Today we will talk about how we can always have God by our side! Let's read from Luke and listen to the story of the lost son.

READ LUKE 15:11-32

The son chose to leave. He made the choice to overspend and he lost everything he owned. He was living in sin because he was living selfishly. When we sin, we are making a choice to leave God's side and go another way. We don't always realize this when we are sinning because at the time it just feels like the easiest thing to do or the thing we desire. But what we are actually doing is choosing to be lost. What a strange thought!

The good news is, God loves us and doesn't want us to stay lost. The good shepherd, Jesus, comes to find us! He offers forgiveness from our sins and a better way to live. If we follow Jesus, we live like He does and become more and more like Him. We sin less and less and begin to realize that sin was only hurting us.

The father was so happy when his son returned, wasn't he? God is so happy when we return to Him too. He loves us. He knows that sin is bad for us and

that is why He warns us against it. But when we make a mistake and sin, we can ask Jesus for forgiveness and we are reunited with God!

Living a life following Jesus is very rewarding! It is full of SWEET REWARDS! In fact, you could even say that if you follow Jesus there is guaranteed to be SWEET REWARDS AHEAD! Not only will you be free from the consequences of sin but you will also gain so much! God will give you kindness, self-control, love, patience, and so many other rewards.

WHEN WE GET LOST, WE CAN ALWAYS RETURN TO JESUS! Jesus will be there ready to forgive you and to show you a better way to live. And WHEN WE REPENT TO JESUS, GOD FORGIVES US WITH JOY! He is so happy to welcome us back. So, don't wander off in Silly Swonka's chocolate forest, but if you ever do, remember that all you need to do is ask for Jesus, and He will be there to help you find your way back home. And if you ever sin, Jesus will be there ready to forgive you and show you a better way to live.

Discussion Questions:

1. How is sin similar to being lost?
2. What should we do when we sin?
3. What did the father do when his son returned?
4. Why should we celebrate when other people find Jesus? (Unlike the lost son's brother.)

Close in prayer.

Memory Verse:

THIS WEEK: "I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, "Look! God now makes his home with the people. He will live with them. They will be his people. And God himself will be with them and be their God." Revelation 21:3 (NIRV)

If they memorize the verse, they can get a ping pong ball to put in the BLUE BOX in the hallway.