

Lesson:	Calling the Lost, March 17, 2019
Bible Truth	Jesus taught that those who are lost are loved by God and are to be valued, searched for, and welcomed back when they return.
Memory Verse:	Luke 15:22, 24 King James Version (KJV) 22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.
Lesson Aim:	By the end of this lesson, we will:
Identify	Who in contemporary life might illustrate the characters in the parable;
Sense	God's grief over God's lost children as the father grieved over the lost son before the son's return;
Suggest	A culturally appropriate means for rejoicing over new converts as the father rejoiced over the returning son.
Life Need	Aim: You will affirm how it can be easy for the ungodly to lose their way without Christ.
Learning:	Aim: You will accept that God's love is all-embracing and unconditional to all who come to Him.
Application:	Aim: You will appreciate giving and receiving undeserved grace.
Students' Response:	Aim: You will commit to offering Christlike forgiveness and acceptance to those who repent and return.
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Point One:	Life on My Own Terms (Luke 15:11-14)
Point Two:	Rock Bottom Results (Luke 15:15-19)
Point Three:	Fully Restored (Luke 15:20-24)

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Monday's	Daily Scripture: Transformed by Christ into New Life, Ephesians 2:1-10 Background Scripture: Luke 15
Tuesday's	Daily Scripture: God Seeks the Scattered People, Ezekiel 34:11-16 Calling the Lost: Life on My Own Terms (Luke 15:11-14)
Question 1	Jesus was criticized for welcoming sinners. Why are Christians judgmental of those who have sinned or gone against the norm?
Question 2	Why are some sins more forgivable or accepting than others?
Wednesday	Daily Scripture: God's Compassion for Straying People, Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9 Calling the Lost: Rock Bottom Results (Luke 15:15-19)
Question 3	Compare the parable of the Lost Sheep and the Prodigal Son. How are the sheep, the son, and your choice alike?
Question 4	Discuss how the older son's anger and jealousy are justified or not. How have you allowed jealousy to get the best of you? How do you respond to your jealous emotions?
Thursday's	Daily Scripture: Calling Sinners to Repentance, Luke 3:12-13;5:27-32 Calling the Lost: Fully Restored (Luke 15:20-24)
Question 5	With which character do you identify in the parable? Explain.
Question 6	Identify ways the father's response reflects God's love, grace, and forgiveness for us.
Friday's	Daily Scripture: Finding the Lost Sheep and Coin, Luke 15:1-10 Dig Deeper: https://lifehopeandtruth.com/change/repentance/the-prodigal-son/
Saturday's	Daily Scripture: Plea for Understanding and Recognition, Luke 15:25-32
Sunday's	Calling the Lost, Luke 15:11-24 Next Week's Lesson: Calling to Salvation, Luke 19:1-10