

At Home Weekly is designed for you to use during the week with your son or daughter. You'll find out what they learned today at church and can help them prepare for next week by exploring the theme or Ponder Point and spending time together in GOD's Word.

✚PONDER POINT✚

GOD Redeems

(Parable of the Lost Sheep, Coin and Son)

Luke 15:1-32

REMEMBER VERSE

**This is how GOD showed
His love among us:
He sent His one and only
Son into the world that
we might live through
Him**

1 John 4:9

DID YOU KNOW??

Share these facts to get the conversation started:

- People who don't know Jesus are sometimes referred to as "lost".
- The parables of the lost sheep, lost coin, and lost son relate to GOD's heart for the lost.
- Jesus' words reminded the Pharisees that they spent so much time worrying about the letter of the Law that they often forgot about the spirit of the Law.
- Through these stories GOD also reminds us that like the Pharisees, we need to examine our own hearts for the lost.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Play the following game as a family. Allow one person to close her eyes and count to 10. Have another player hide a coin in their fist and put their hands on the table. The other players will also make a fist and put their hands on the table. The "counter" will then try to guess who holds the coin. Read **Luke 15:1-32**. Explain that people who don't believe in Jesus are sometimes described as being lost. GOD rejoices when lost people believe in His Son Jesus and find their way back into relationship with Him. Pray, thanking GOD for his great love for us.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- In each of the stories that Jesus told, what happened so the lost thing (or person) became found?
- Why do you think the shepherd's, the woman's, and the father's friends all celebrated with them?
- How does GOD want the faith community to treat lost people?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about **how GOD redeems** us into your everyday life as a family.

BLESSING

Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

A Blessing To Pray Over Your Child:-
(Child's name), **may you have GOD's heart for the lost. May you remember that GOD loves you and redeems you!**

For more information about blessing your child, talk to your ministry leader or pastor.