

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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GOD IS LOVE

Parables of the Lost Sheep, Coin, and Son

Luke 15

Jesus told three stories about things that were lost—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and a lost son. In each of these stories, a party was thrown when the lost was found. Jesus used these stories to help us understand God's great love for us.

JUST FOR FUN

Play a game of hide and seek with your children. Have the children hide and then count to 10 before you begin your search. Once you find your children, rejoice and say, "You were lost and now you're found!" Tell your children that Jesus shared about three different things that were lost and then found. Then, read **Luke 15**. What happened after each lost thing was found? That's right, the people rejoiced and celebrated! Pray together, thanking God that He loves us and we belong to Him.

Did You Know?

- 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 great love for us and His joy when we are found in Him.
- Through these stories God also reminds us that, like the Pharisees, we need to examine our own heart for the lost.

Remember Verse

*For great is your love,
reaching to the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to
the skies.*

Psalm 57:10

Teachable Moments

- How does it feel to know how much God loves you?
- Do you know someone who might not know that God loves them?
- How can we help other people remember that God loves them?

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may the love of God fill up your heart. May you share that love with everyone you see this week.