

REFLECTION IDEAS

You are Precious

Luke chapter 15 verses 3 to 7

This GenR8 Connect looks at the value of each individual to God. Sometimes in our lives we can feel lost and alone and not very important. For Christians, the parable of the Lost Sheep is a reminder that even in difficult and tough times each individual is valuable and precious to God. When something is precious, we look after it and treat it with respect and care.

Reflection

- Have you ever been lost somewhere, or felt alone? How did you feel when you were found?
- Why did the farmer in the story go and look for the one lost sheep?
- Think about something that is precious to you – what do you do to take care of it?

Links

A version of the bible story can be found here:

<https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2014/12/30/story-time-the-lost-coin-and-the-lost-sheep/>

Please check that it is suitable for your group.

Inspire Prayer Space Activity – Precious

Equipment

Playdough
Playdough mats and tools

inspire
prayer spaces

Description

We all have items that are precious to us - a photograph of someone, a gift given to you, a reminder of a special day... We keep these things safe because they are precious, maybe putting them high up in a special box, taking great care when you move and handle them.

In the Bible in the book of Isaiah, God says that we are precious to him and that he loves us. Christians believe that God shows us this in many different ways - by always listening when we talk to him in prayer, showing he is faithful in Bible stories and answering our prayers!

What things are precious to you? What do you do to look after these precious items to show them love and care like God has shown us?

Instructions

Take some of the playdough and mould it into something that is precious to you, taking great care just like you would with the actual item. As you do this, you could talk to God and thank him for the precious item and the time that it reminds you of.



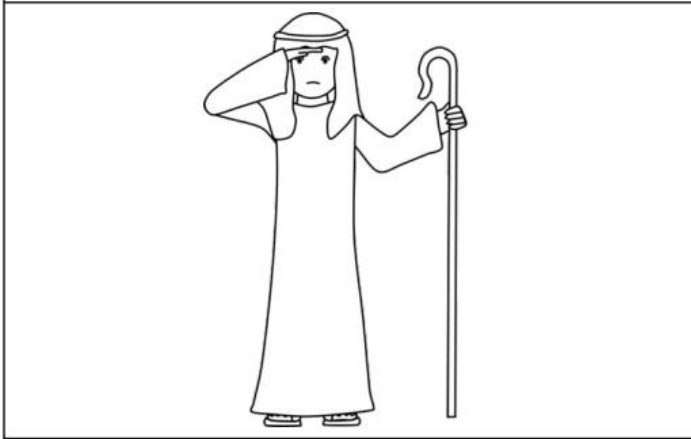
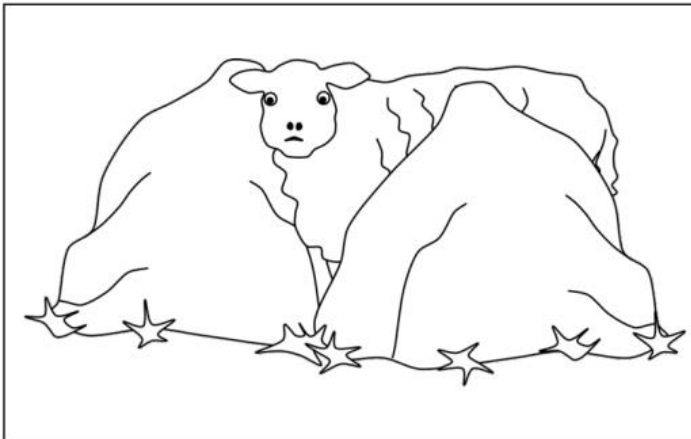
See below for activity sheet

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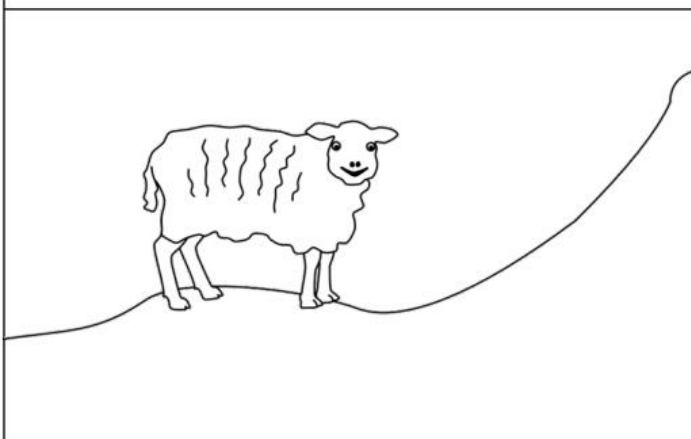
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Luke chapter 15 verses 1 to 7

Cut out the pictures below and arrange them in the right order for the story. You can then colour the pictures in. To re-tell the story you can write some words for each of the pictures or tell the story to a friend.



The Lost Sheep



Word Search

R	R	E	J	O	H	I	F	C
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Find these words about the story of the lost sheep:

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| AFRAID | ALONE | CARES |
| FARMER | FOUND | HUNDRED |
| PRECIOUS | LOST | LOVED |
| SAFE | SEARCH | SHEEP |

The letters that are left spell out something that the farmer said when he found the sheep that had been lost, and then the name of a book of the Bible where the story can be found. Fill them in the spaces below.

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