

# Truth Talk



**How does God care for his creation? God loves and rules over His creation according to His perfect plan.**

**Week 23:** February 7, 2021

**Bible Point:** Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

**Key Passage:** For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:13-14)

**Sunday Bible Study:** (Preschool & Children)

**Parent Bible Study Introduction:**

**Three Parables** (Luke 15)

In Luke 19, Jesus went after Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector. Zacchaeus was not well liked, but his interaction with Jesus led him to repent of his wrongdoing. Jesus said to him, “The Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10).

Who is “the lost”? What does it mean to be lost? In Luke 15, Jesus told three parables to the crowd of tax collectors, sinners, Pharisees, and scribes. Jesus’ teaching brought gospel truth to the tax collectors and sinners—those whose unrighteousness separated them from God—and to the Pharisees and scribes—those whose relied on their own righteous efforts for salvation.

The first two parables are similar. In one, a man loses a sheep. He leaves his flock to find the missing sheep, and he rejoices when it is found. In the second, a woman loses a silver coin. The woman carefully searches until she finds it. Then she calls her neighbors and friends to celebrate with her. Heaven rejoices when even one sinner repents. Finally, Jesus told a parable about two sons. The younger son asked for his inheritance, wasted his money on immoral living, and decided to return to his father. Rather than rejecting his wayward son, the father embraced him. The older son, who had always been obedient to his father, reacted with anger.

As you read Luke 15, think about the crowd Jesus was speaking to. The focus is often placed on the younger son—the one with whom the tax collectors and sinners could identify—but Jesus also made a point about the older son. The older son was like the Pharisees and scribes, focused on his own morality and feeling entitled to his father’s favor.

**The religious leaders complained that Jesus welcomed sinners. Jesus told these parables to teach about God’s forgiveness. God sent Jesus so sinners can be forgiven. As Savior, Jesus seeks sinners. He paid the ultimate price—His own life—to save people from sin**

- Who came to listen to Jesus? Tax collector and sinners
- What is the 1st Parable? The lost sheep
- What is the 2nd Parable? A woman loses a silver coin.
- What is the 3rd Parable? The prodigal son
- What do all these have in common? They all celebrated when they found what was lost
- How should we react when a lost person finds Jesus? Celebrate they are going to heaven
- Who do you know that is lost and needs to find Jesus?
- What can you do to bring that person to Jesus?

**Practice:** Say (Memorize) Key passage

**Focus:**

Jesus taught what God is like. He seeks sinners who have wandered far from Him, and He seeks sinners who try to earn salvation by their good works. As you talk with your kids, help them understand that being lost means not knowing Jesus as Lord and Savior. God loves us, and He actively seeks to bring sinners to Himself. God will be faithful to do His part in leading a person to himself. Let us be faithful in looking for people who need to be led to Jesus. As a family, talk about God's attributes that you see living within your family. Allow those attributes to be visible to the world. Let us work hard to seek and find lost people. Celebrating a new Christian can be a weekly goal!

**Pray:** Thank God for the gift of eternal life. Ask God to help you see His plan to seek and save the lost. Ask God to give you boldness and confidence to live out His plan.

**Tuesday:**

All Star Verse: Acts 2:4 (RA & GA Memory Verse for the month of February)

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in languages they had not known before. The Spirit gave them the ability to do this.

How does the Holy Spirit help us?

The Holy Spirit helps us to understand we need forgiveness from sin and accept a Savior to forgive our sin. When we pray the Holy Spirit helps us to know what to pray and what God wants us to know. The Holy Spirit helps us to live our life according to God's plan. The Holy Spirit helps us to share the Gospel. We need the Holy Spirit for everyday life. Seek the Holy Spirit with all your heart.

**Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)**

Take a few minutes to briefly discuss Sunday and Tuesday:

Three Parables

Preview for Sunday, February 14, 2021:

Jesus' hard teaching (John 6)

- Who came looking for Jesus? A crowd wanting to see a miracle.
- What did Jesus offer them? Food – Eternal food – Heaven
- What did he say he was? Bread of life
- What did they not believe? That Jesus came from heaven.

**Wednesday Nights we are working on the Musical, "Mission Possible."**

**We will begin meeting at 5:45 to have more time to practice.**

**The speaking parts are meeting on  
Sunday evenings from 5 to 6pm.**