LOST AND FOUND CHALLENGE

SCRIPTURES

Luke 15

15 Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. **2.**This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them! **3.** So Jesus told them this story: **4.**"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? **5.** And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. **6.**When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' **7.** In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away! **8.**"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Won't she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it? **9.** And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.' **10.** In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents."

Luke 17

17 As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. **12.** As he entered a village there, ten lepers stood at a distance, **13.** crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us! **14.** He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests."And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. **15.** One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" **16.** He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan.**17.** Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? **18.** Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" **19.** And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you."

Luke 19

19 Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. **2.**There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. **3.** He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. **4.** So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. **5.** When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today." **6.** Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. **7.** But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. **8.** Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" **9.** Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. **10.** For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

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