

Easter at Home Week 3

March 3rd

Hi Parents and Kids of West Springs Church! Welcome back to week three of Easter at Home! We are excited you are continuing this journey of exploring Lent and Easter with your family. We hope and pray that throughout your time with Easter at Home you can connect with your family and make space for God to be present and speak to you. We also want to encourage you, throughout each week of Easter at Home, take photos of you and your family working through the activities, prayers, and discussions, we would love to see how it is going and share it with our church community!

This week's material focuses on the Lost Sheep Parable and how God does not forget about the lost sheep but anticipates and celebrates their return with all of creation. This week you should be thinking about how we are called to follow God but even when we get lost God will seek us out and never forget us.

Scripture

Luke 15: 3-7

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

-What was the message Jesus was trying to teach through this parable? How does this parable connect with our experience of Lent?

Reflection Question

Have you found it hard to keep your lent goal(s)? What is making it harder? What have you learned about Lent so far?

Activity

This week's activity is a craft based on the lost sheep parable. We will be making a paper sheep to help us remember God's promise to find us when we are lost and celebrate our return. Parents, we encourage you to join in with your kid as they make the craft, making it with them or making one of

your own. Please also take photos as you make your craft and share them with us so we can show the church community how Easter at Home is going.

Lost Sheep Craft

For this craft you will be making a paper sheep that represents the Lost Sheep of the parable. As you make this craft with your kids, use time to discuss the story and how it connects with our lives and faith.

Step 1: Cut out a sheep profile from craft paper.

Step 2: Draw on outline for the shape of the sheep, its face, smile, ears, and tail. Also add the Bible verse (Luke 15: 6; Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.')

Step 3: If you want to you can glue on cotton balls to make the wool of the sheep, choose how much wool you want your sheep to have and how much of the face is covered leaving room for the Bible verse.

Step 4: Add any little details to your sheep.



Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for finding all the lost sheep and how much you love them. Help us this week Jesus to trust you as continue through Lent. Help us to continue to follow you Jesus by loving you with everything we are and then teach us to love everyone around us like you love them.

Thank you for today, for the sunshine, for the fun, and for the sad.

We pray in your loving name Jesus,

Amen