

# MOST WANTED

## Have you ever lost something very important to you?

Talk about a time you lost something valuable, and what you had to do to find it: When you lose something important it hurts doesn't? You don't stop looking until you find it.

## The Bible tells us that this is how God feels as well.

Check out the following stories in Luke chapter 15. What is God telling us about His concern when something valuable is lost?

- The Lost Sheep - Luke 15: 4-7
- The Lost Coin - Luke 15: 8-10
- The Lost Son - Luke 15: 9-24

What do these three stories have in common? How did the woman, the shepherd, and the father feel about the valued possession they had lost? How much energy did they put into their search for their lost possession? What kind of emotion did they feel when they found what was lost?

In each of the three stories, who does the woman, the shepherd, or the father represent?

What do you think the lost possession represents?

A bit later in the book of Luke, Jesus brings up the subject of lost possessions again when he says in Luke 19:10, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." The Living Bible (TLB)

**Jesus is talking about lost people.** In your opinion, who are lost people? How would you describe them?

**From what you have read** in these stories in Luke 15 and Jesus' words in Luke 19, how would you describe God's heart for the lost? (For more insight look at 1 Timothy 2:3-4 and 2 Peter 3:9)

What is God saying to you about lost people?

Are there some lost people at your school that you are especially concerned about? Who?

Someone who is lost spiritually may seem like everyone else at school. In fact, they may feel the same way you do about many things, and face some of the same problems. The difference is that spiritually they are separated from God. They are not forgiven of their sin, they do not have Christ living within them and they have no hope of spending eternity with Christ in heaven. Nor do they have Christ in their life now to guide them and give them hope and strength. They are lost, outside the family of God.

Jesus cares deeply about your lost friends. His desire is that everyone at your school would trust him with their lives. They are his "most wanted."

This is where we come into the picture. We are in the best position to introduce them to Christ.

So think about this: what is the greatest thing you could do for someone who is lost?

Does anyone come to mind right now? Who are your "most wanted"?

Ask God to bring to mind the faces and names of those you want to pray for, asking that they would come to know Christ. List their names.

My most wanted:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What will you do next to help introduce them to Jesus Christ?