



# WEEK 3

## PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE

# REVEALED

### BIG IDEA

God will never stop loving me.

### THE BIBLE

The Lost Sheep, Coin, and Son: Luke 15:4-32

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

## WELCOME TIME

- **ACTIVITY** | Magic Rabbit!
- **ACTIVITY** | The Runaway Bunny

## TEACHING TIME

- **MUSIC** | Worship Time
- **THE BIG IDEA** | God will never stop loving me.
- **VIDEO** | Revealed, Episode 3
- **BIBLE STORY** | Luke 15:4-32
- **ACTIVITY** | Treasure Hunt
- **PRAYER**

## DISCUSSION TIME

- **SNACK** | Coin Cookies
- **ACTIVITY** | Lost and Found
- **ACTIVITY** | Hide-and-Sheep
- **MEMORY VERSE** | Jeremiah 33:3

## PLAY TIME

- **ACTIVITY** | Coloring Page
- **ACTIVITY** | Sheep Pen
- **ACTIVITY** | God's Sheep



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## HACKS FOR TODDLERS

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### HOW TO HACK THIS SERIES FOR TODDLERS

In children's ministry, you've got a wide range of ages you need to engage every week, but toddlers tend to get overlooked. But you know your toddlers need more than just babysitting, so here are a few adjustments you can make to this week in order to keep your toddlers more engaged.

#### BIBLE STORY | Luke 15:4-32

Make a simple circle with blocks or masking tape and put a few stuffed animal sheep inside of the circle for the kids to play with. Tell the kids about the Bible story while they are playing.

#### ACTIVITY | Treasure Hunt



A scavenger hunt can be tricky with younger kids. You could use this time to reinforce one of the stories from today's Scripture. Give the kids a small broom and dustpan to play with. Add some small paper circles for the kids to pretend to sweep up coins. Tell the kids that the woman in the Bible story used a broom like this to sweep up the house to find her lost coin. The woman loved her special coins and God loves me.

#### ACTIVITY | God's Sheep

Instead of a craft activity, you could choose to have kids play with cotton balls. Give the kids cotton balls to push into an empty wipes container or a box with a small hole in it. Tell the kids they can collect all of the cotton ball "sheep". God loves the sheep and God loves me.

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When Karen is not doing a Bible study with her church friends or helping out at her kids' school, she is often sewing. Karen makes stuffed animals, blankets, toys, and even clothes with her sewing machine.

If you'd like to chat about how your church can more strategically connect parents with ways to teach babies, ones, and twos about the Bible, reach out. She would love to connect with you!

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## PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE

# REVEALED

### BIG IDEA

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### THE BIBLE

The Lost Sheep, Coin, and Son: Luke 15:4-32

## WELCOME TIME

### ACTIVITY | Magic Rabbit!

- Have you heard of the famous magic trick where a magician pulls a rabbit out of a hat?
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Show a short video (like [this](#) or similar) of a magician pulling a rabbit out of a hat. Then, give each child a chance to do their own magic trick with a fun hat and a stuffed animal. Act really surprised when they pull the animal out of the hat!

### ACTIVITY | The Runaway Bunny

- Sometimes, we can make rabbits appear, or sometimes, they disappear by running away! Let's check out this story.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the book *The Runaway Bunny* or show this [read-aloud video](#) (or another like it).
- If you could turn into anything the rabbit in the story turned into, what would you have picked?
- Do you think the bunny really wanted to get away from his mom?
- Did the bunny's mom give up on trying to be with him?

## TEACHING TIME

### MUSIC | Worship Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the kids to sing along (and dance!) to some songs, such as:
  - "The Prodigal Son" by the Beginners' Bible
  - "The Baa Baa Song" by Sibling Harmony

### THE BIG IDEA | God will never stop loving me.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Some time before the kids arrive, tape a piece of paper or an index card that says, “God will never stop loving me” under one of the chairs. When it’s time to announce the Big Idea, tell the kids to look under their chairs, and once the kid who finds it brings you the card, you can read it for the whole group.*
- That’s the Big Idea for today! I know there was only one card to be found, but this Big Idea is true for everyone in this room! Not only does God love us a lot, but **God will never stop loving us.**

### VIDEO | Revealed, Episode 3

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week’s preschool [teaching video](#).*

### BIBLE STORY | Luke 15:4-32

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Summarize the Bible stories found in Luke 15. You can choose to have some coins and a stuffed sheep as props.*
- **Today, I’m going to tell you three stories that Jesus told. They are about different things, but listen carefully and see what’s the same about all of the stories!**
- **The first story is about sheep. There was a shepherd who had 100 sheep! But one went missing. So, the shepherd left all the other 99 sheep to find the one that was lost.**
- **The second story is about coins. There once was a woman who had ten coins. But one went missing. So, she searched her entire house until she found the one coin that was lost.**
- **Let’s watch [this video](#)** that will tell us the third story.
- **What was the same about all three stories?** *They are all about something that was lost!*
- **Did the owners of the lost items look for them?** Yes! They wanted to find what they lost because it was important to them.
- **Are we lost?** No, we aren’t lost! We are in *(name of church, name of city)*! But sometimes, we wander away from God by not doing things we know God wants us to do. When we do things like disobey the people who take care of us or fight with our friends, it’s like we are lost. We forget God wants us to always do the right thing and be close to God.
- But even when we do things that are not right, we have to remember to come back to God, like the prodigal son did! Because God will never stop loving us and searching for us!

✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Make a simple circle with blocks or masking tape and put a few stuffed animal sheep inside of the circle for the kids to play with. Tell the kids about the Bible story while they are playing.*

### ACTIVITY | Treasure Hunt

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Hide some cool items, trinkets, or candies around the room. Give the kids thirty seconds to find two items. Once they find the items, have them bring it back to the center of the room and place them on the floor.*
- **What would happen to all of these items if they were never found?**
- **Would it make you sad to know there were candies and toys hidden all around the room, but you may have never been able to taste or play with them?**

- Just like we enjoy these candies and toys, God will always happily come find us.  
✳ **TODDLER HACK:** Give the kids a small broom and dustpan to play with. Add some small paper circles for the kids to pretend to sweep up coins. Tell the kids that the woman in the Bible story used a broom like this to sweep up the house to find her lost coin. The woman loved her special coins and God loves me.

### PRAYER

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Circle around the items that were found and pray with your group.
- Dear God, thank You for always looking for us when we are missing. We love You and are so happy to know You'll never stop finding us. Amen.

## DISCUSSION TIME

### SNACK | Coin Cookies

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids vanilla wafer cookies. Point out the round, circular shape of the cookies.
- These cookies are all round and small like coins. Let's count how many coins you have.
- If you lost a coin, you would look for it.
- Our Bible story today is about someone who looked for a lost coin.
- God looks for us because God loves us.
- **God will never stop loving me.**

### ACTIVITY | Lost and Found

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print out as many copies of this week's printable as needed. Ask or help the kids write their names in the space provided, and ask them trace "GOD." Tie a lanyard or string through the holes so they can wear their new ID badge for the rest of the day!
- **What did all of our parables have in common today?** They all talked about something that was lost.
- **Did the items stay lost?** No! The owner found them.
- **Why did the owner look for the lost items?** Because the owner loved what was lost!

### ACTIVITY | Hide-and-Sheep

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Like the traditional game of hide-and-seek, but with a slight twist! The person who is "it" is the shepherd, and everyone else are "sheep." All the sheep go hide while the shepherd counts to ten with their eyes closed. Once the shepherd finds the first sheep, the sheep joins the shepherd to help find the remaining sheep. Once the last sheep is found, ask the whole group to cheer and yell, "Yay! We found you!" Ask the last kid found to be the new shepherd and repeat the activity as many times as you want.
- **When you were hiding, did you want someone to find you?** Yes, you want someone to find you so you can play.
- **Did the shepherd look for the lost sheep in our Bible story?** Yes, even one sheep was important to the shepherd.

- **Why did the shepherd look for the sheep?** Because the shepherd loves the sheep!

### MEMORY VERSE | Jeremiah 33:3

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the kids to say the memory verse together a few times. When you give them the “thumbs up” signal, the kids need to say the verse louder, and when you give the “thumbs down” signal, they need to get quieter. Repeat this as many times as you want, and have fun with turning the volume up or down!

## PLAY TIME

*While you’re waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .*

### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give every kid a coloring page, plus markers or crayons. As they color, remind them we can thank God for not forgetting about the lost.

### ACTIVITY | Sheep Pen

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids blocks and toy sheep figures or printed small sheep to play with. Show the kids how to line up blocks in a circle to make a pen for the sheep to be in.
- The sheep stay all together inside the sheep pen.
- **What would happen if a sheep was lost from the flock?** The shepherd would have to go find it.
- **Why would the shepherd look for the sheep?** The shepherd loves the sheep!
- **God will never stop loving us.**

### ACTIVITY | God’s Sheep

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the kids to trace one of their hands on black cardstock paper. Cut it out for them. Then, hold the hand upside down (with fingers pointed down) and punch a hole near the top (where the wrist would be) and loop a piece of yarn or string to it. Then, kids can glue cotton balls to both sides of the “palm” and “back” of the hand, leaving the fingers uncovered (these are the sheep’s legs). You can draw eyes on the thumb, too (For a picture of what your craft will look like, check out [this one](#)).
- ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Give the kids cotton balls to push into an empty wipes container or a box with a small hole in it. Tell the kids they can collect all of the cotton ball “sheep”. God loves the sheep and God loves me.

*Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.*