

# WEEK 1

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

# LOST AND FOUND

Have you ever been lost? Maybe you wandered away from your parents, took a wrong turn, or lost track of your friends in a crowd? It can be scary to realize you're not sure where you are or how to get home again, and the same thing is true when it comes to our faith. See, you and I were created to be close to the God who made and loves us. But some of us don't know our Creator yet. And some of us know Jesus but we wander (or at least we feel) far away from Him. In this 4-week series, we'll explore a series of stories Jesus once told about things that were lost and then got found again. Through those stories, we'll discover that **Jesus notices you, values you, welcomes you back when you've strayed, and invites you to the party** when others come home.

## THIS WEEK

### THE BIG IDEA

Jesus notices you.

### THE BIBLE

Luke 15:1-7; Isaiah 53:6; Psalm 139:1-18

- If you could get lost anywhere in the world, where would you want to get lost?
- Have you ever actually gotten lost? Tell us about it!
- What are some ways a person could be spiritually "lost"?
- What are some reasons why a follower of Jesus might wander away from God?
- What does Jesus' story about the lost sheep tell us about what God is like?
- In what ways do you relate to the lost sheep in Jesus' story?
- What do you think or feel about the words, "Jesus notices you"?
- Read Psalm 139:1-18. Has there ever been a time when you really needed to hear these words? Tell us about it.
- What's one thing you can do now that could prevent you from wandering too far away from God in the future?
- What do you think your next step could be on your journey toward Jesus?