

## The Lost sheep



This week we are discovering the meaning behind the parable of the lost sheep.



Read Luke 15:1-8 and or watch the video



Shepherds were common in the first century and would have led their "flocks" in and among the hills of Palestine searching for the best grass and water. Bears, leopards, jackals and even hyenas were known to roam the hills of Palestine. The shepherd often risked his life to protect the sheep from these dangers. Sometimes a sheep would fall down a crevice and the shepherd had to climb down and pull it to safety. Every sheep was important and his goal was to keep every one of them safe.

1. How many sheep did the man in the parable have?
2. What did he do when one of the sheep got lost?
3. Why was the shepherd so concerned with one sheep out of a hundred?
4. How do Shepherds care for their sheep?
5. What do you think Jesus is teaching us through this parable?

Every sheep is important to the shepherd. Even if only one is lost he will search everywhere to find it.

We are like sheep and sometimes stray away from God. That makes God very sad, but he never gives up on us. He keeps searching and calling to us because we are all very important to him and he is always watching over us. God wants us to be close to Him, safe and loved.



Make a sheep cup cake, using mini marshmallows for the fleece, milk chocolate giant button for the head and ears and white chocolate for the eyes.



Lord Jesus, we thank you that you are strong and brave, and protect your sheep;  
that you are gentle and kind, and help your sheep;  
that you are generous and loving, and care for all your sheep.  
Lord Jesus, we thank you that you are our shepherd, good and trustworthy.  
Amen.