

CHAMPS



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

9/19-9/20

LOST AND FOUND

PURPOSE

To learn that we can be good citizens in our community and tell people about God! We are not Lost and God wants to find us!

LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Invite a child to give the opening prayer.

LESSON:

Comes from Luke 15

This is the last week of The Prodigal Son story.

Ask a child to come up and share the story from what they remember.

Ask another child to come up and share what they have learned so far.

Have a closed pizza box filled with grass and dirt (and bugs?). Ask the kids what they think is inside the box. Then open the box and surprise them. Sometimes it is not what we think it is or should be. We assume it should be one way or it should be this thing because it has always been this thing or you have always seen it that way, but that is not a guarantee it is that thing.

We are going to go over a story and see what happens.

1. A girl named Katie goes to school and is at recess. An older kid pushes Katie down and invites all the kids outside over to laugh at Katie on the ground. The older kid then walks away and leaves Katie. The next day at school Katie is playing when the older kid starts to walk towards here at recess. Katie pulls out some of her best candy and offers some to the girl who had pushed her down yesterday and hugs her. What do you think all the other kids do when this happens? Are they shocked? What would you do if this happened? The kids were expecting Katie to be scared or angry and to react in a different way, but Katie was willing to forgive and then share her best stuff with the kid who had been mean to her.

2. Have you ever had a time in your life where you were shocked by how someone reacted to a situation? You thought someone was going to be mad, but they weren't? You thought someone was going to get in trouble, but they didn't? Was there ever a time everybody told you something was going to happen and was expected, but it didn't?

As Jesus told the parables in Luke 15, there were different perspectives especially in the story of the Prodigal Son. The Community during that time thought the son should have been punished and rejected for his actions. However, the Father ACCEPTED him with open arms with love and grace and welcome him back. This is MUCH like our Heavenly Father. The world or “Things” may reject us but OUR FATHER ACCEPTS US AND LOVES US NO MATTER WHAT.

GAME:

HIDE AND SEEK (preferably outside)

ACTIVITY:

*Hide 10 objects around the room (prior to the lesson) and then have the children team up and find ALL of the objects.

*Coloring Sheet

CLOSE IN PRAYER AND SNACK TIME