

# S.A.F.E. Homes

Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



*“And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.” Luke 5:31*

## Lost and Found

Sometimes people will go to the doctor for a wellness check up. The doctor will ask questions and check vital signs and then give the person a “clean bill of health” and tell them to come back in six months or a year for another check up. But most of the time when people go to visit a doctor it is because they are sick or have some kind of problem. They go to a doctor for help to get well.

Jesus spent a lot of time with sinners and publicans during His earthly ministry. But he wasn't just hanging out or partying with them. He wasn't participating in worldly activities. The Bible says, “Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners *for to hear him,*” (Luke 15:1). They were being taught and encouraged by the words of Jesus. But certain religious people criticized Jesus and questioned His actions. “And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them,” Luke 15:2.

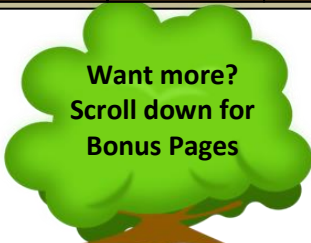
Instead of being critical and finding fault, wouldn't it have been wonderful if the religious people had joined Jesus in reaching those who were lost and in need of a Savior? When questioned, Jesus made it very plain, “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance,” (Luke 5:32).

We are often appalled at the sinful things we witness in this dark and broken world and it may even be easy to criticize the ones who are involved in disgusting and sinful activities. May we always remember that Jesus gave us the best example of loving the sinner in spite of their sinfulness and recognizing that they are in need of a good spiritual doctor who can heal their sin-sick souls. Jesus is truly the answer for the world today!

**Family Prayer:** *Dear Jesus, help me to have a heart of compassion for those who don't know you. Please use me as a vessel of your love to bring healing to those who are spiritually sick. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

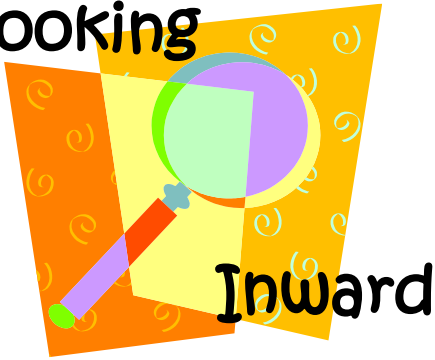


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Inward

Enjoy a game of “Find the lost object.”

Choose a designated object to hide.

Everyone else leaves the room while the leader hides the object somewhere in the room. You can make it as easy or

complicated as you wish by establishing guidelines such as it can/can't be in a drawer or closet, etc. When the object is

found have a time of “rejoicing” together. Let the person who finds the object be the

new leader. Play until everyone has a turn.

Have fun!

Let's talk

Opinions were certainly divided on the unorthodox actions of Jesus. How difficult is it today to love sinners and yet not join in with their sinful activities? When you are in a group of sinners are they drawn to *your* words?

Let God use you this week. Pray that He helps you to see beyond the bad and sinful choices of others to give you a heart of compassion for those who need a spiritual healing from the Great Physician. You can offer words of Life!

Looking



Outward

## Additional Challenges

Luke 15 is sometimes called "The Lost Chapter." Let's take a closer look.

#1- The first example is of a lost \_\_\_\_\_.

- How many sheep did the shepherd begin with? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many were lost? \_\_\_\_\_
- What does he do when he finds it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What did he say to his friends and neighbors?
  - "\_\_\_\_\_"; for I have found my sheep which was lost."
- What emotion is experienced in heaven when one sinner repents? \_\_\_\_\_

#2- The second example is of a lost \_\_\_\_\_.

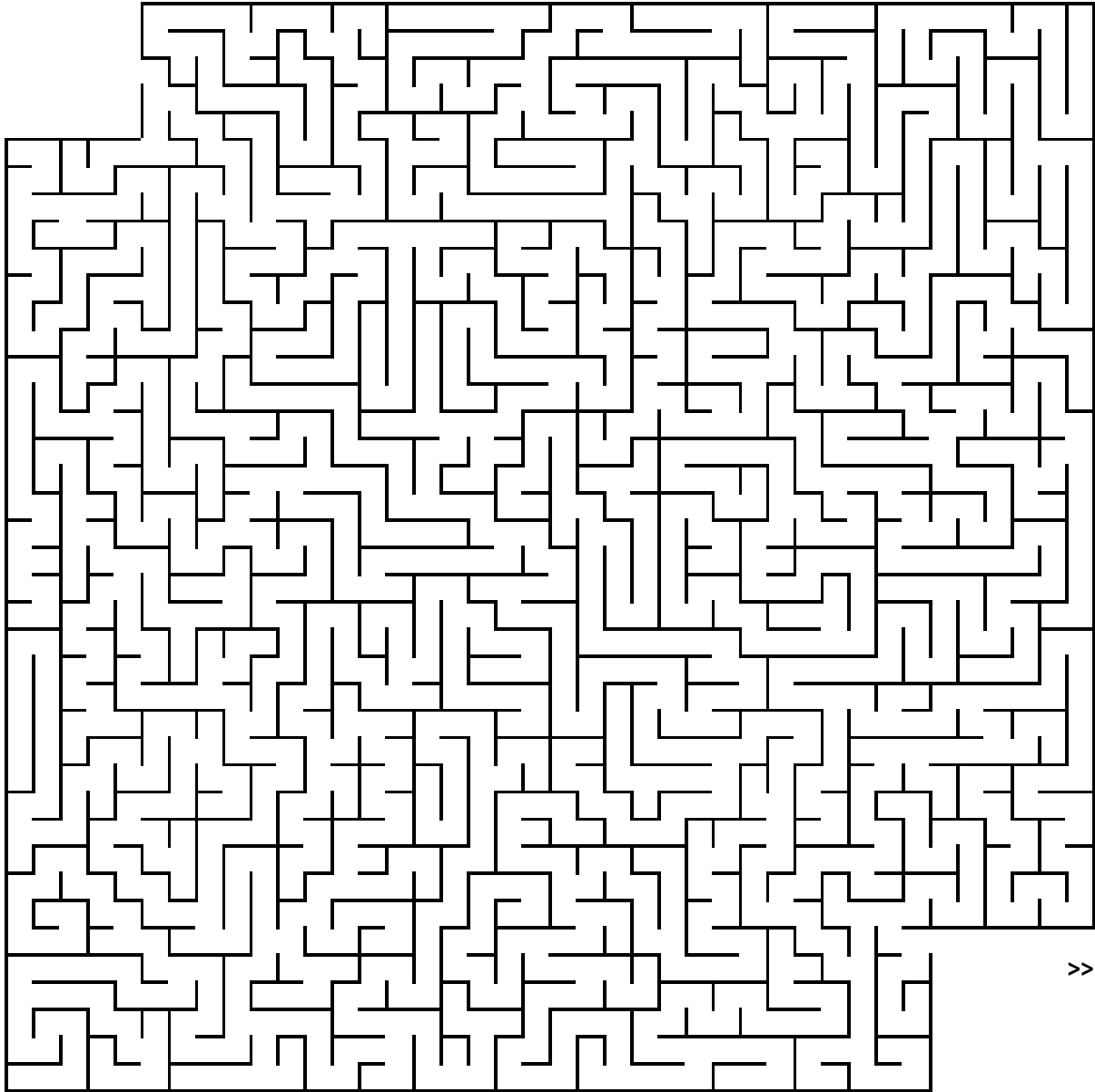
- What does the woman do to try and find it?
  - She lights a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the house.
- What does she do when she finds it?
  - She calls her \_\_\_\_\_ and her \_\_\_\_\_ together, saying, \_\_\_\_\_ with me!
  - Again, there is \_\_\_\_\_ in the presence of the \_\_\_\_\_.

#3- The third example is of a lost \_\_\_\_\_.

- In this story, which son left home? \_\_\_\_\_
- How did he waste what his father gave him? In \_\_\_\_\_ living.
- What kind of job did he take in the far country to survive?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- Verse 17 says he finally "\_\_\_\_\_ and decided to go home.
- What emotion did his father demonstrate when his son came home (verse 20)?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How did the father describe what he felt in verse 24?
  - "My son was \_\_\_\_\_, and is \_\_\_\_\_ again; he was \_\_\_\_\_, and is \_\_\_\_\_.

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