

## March 17/21 – Rulebreaker - Luke 15.1-32

### Opening Prayer:

A God of love,  
you never cease to open your arms to us  
when we turn to you.  
Give us grace and understanding  
to recognize the distress of others.  
We pray for all who are in dark places  
be it through their own choices,  
the misguidance of others,  
or by force.  
May all know  
that nothing can separate us  
from your love.  
*Pause*  
Lord, hear our prayer.  
Amen.

### Recap of Last Week:

Last week we told the story on Jesus and his story of the fig tree.

### The Story: Play Video/Videos

*Check Video Folder Game/Activity:*

### Have you ever lost something?

Discuss with the children what it feels like to lose something precious (a favorite toy, last sweet, last card/ sticker in a collection, something that someone gave you). Talk about the story of the lost coin and discuss with the children how they think the woman would have felt when she lost her coin and when she found it. Talk about the celebration when something that was lost is found. Talk about God's love seeking the lost.

### Home Quiz Sheet

*You will need: activity sheet found on page 137.*

*If you have not used it already, you could use the Home quiz sheet that first appeared in Issue 17, reproduced on page 137.*

### Craft:

### Family Faith Questions:

*Discuss these topics as you do your crafts together.*

What family rules are sometimes broken to help one another?

## Woolly Heads

You will need: thick card cut into circles of approx. 30 cms in diameter. Measure in 6cms from outside edge and mark a circle in pencil. Cut out the circle so that you are left with a doughnut shape. You should make one per child beforehand. To make the sheep ears you will need PVA glue, glue spreaders, sheep ear shapes made out of white or black felt (a large teardrop shape, then 'pinch' the rounded end before sticking or stapling to the circle). The woolliness can be made with bits of wool or cotton wool balls or dried macaroni or light coloured cereal hoops.

Give each child a card ring and two sheep ears. Get them to stick the ears onto the ring at appropriate points. Then get the children to cover the ring in glue and stick on the fleecy coat. It will be easiest to do this in sections as by the time they get right round the ring sticking things on some of the glue may have dried out a bit. Sticking cotton wool balls takes least time, sticking cereal hoops takes most time – the choice is yours! Once the glue is dry the child should be able to hold the decorated ring in front of his or her face making a 'woolly head'.

Discuss with the children times and places they have seen sheep. Have any of them ever fed a lamb ? Talk about the story and how the shepherd loves the sheep and looks for the one that is lost. Talk about God's love for each one of us.

## Next Week:

Next week we will focus on the parable of Lazarus and a rich man.

## Sending Prayer:

Ask the kids if there are any prayers they'd like to focus on. Pray together.