

## Notes from Today's Lesson:

### Jesus, The Good Shepherd — John 10

1. John 10:1 — Jesus warns of those who want to steal God's sheep (His people).
2. John 10:2-4 — A follower of Jesus will recognize His voice (found in Scripture and through His Spirit).
3. John 10:5 — A follower of Jesus will know the difference between the words of God and words of those who are trying to deceive and destroy their life.
4. John 10:7-9 — Jesus is the door to salvation. There is no other way to be saved from the penalty of sin in your life.
5. John 10:10-11 — Many in this world are selfish and desire only to steal and destroy. Jesus does not desire to take from you, but to give you life.
6. John 10:12-15 — Jesus is the Good Shepherd who willingly sacrificed His life for you.
7. John 10:17-18 — Jesus chose to lay down His life and to die on a cross to pay the price for your sins.

### Devotional #1: The Lost Sheep vs. The 99

There are many people today who feel they are good enough for God. They do some things that they view as good and assume the good things they do outweigh the bad. While Jesus ministered on earth during the time of the Gospel of Luke, He dealt with religious leaders who felt the same way.

Read Luke 15:1-2

What are the religious leaders upset about and judging Jesus for?

Read Luke 15:3-7

Jesus tells the religious leaders a story about God's Joy and what makes heaven rejoice. In Jesus' story, He talks about a loving shepherd who searches for a lost sheep.

Who does the lost sheep in Jesus' story represent?

Who does the rejoicing friends and neighbors represent?

The religious leaders would be the 99 people who think they are righteous (right with God). Romans 3:23 reminds us we are all sinners and need to be saved. We are all lost, so we need to see ourselves as the one that Jesus is searching for to save. He loves us and wants to bring us home.

Do you see yourself as the one who is lost, the one who was lost but now is home with God, or the 99 who think they are good enough for God?

### Devotional #2:

#### The Younger Son

When a loved one dies, an inheritance is usually passed down from parents to children.

In Jesus' day, this was a very formal concept. The family would remain at home, support the parents on the farm, and the property would be divided among the surviving children.

Read Luke 15:11-12

The younger son wants his father's inheritance, but doesn't want to wait until his father dies to get it. He wants his "share" now, even though his actions are disgraceful and disrespectful to his family.

What does the father do?

Read Luke 15:13-16

What does the younger son do with his new wealth?

The younger son goes from having everything to nothing.

What does the youngest son desire in verse 16?

Read Luke 15:17-19

When he comes to his senses, what is the youngest son's plan?

Read Luke 15:20-24

What is the father's response to seeing his disrespectful, disgraceful, youngest son?

How is God like this father to you?

### Grace Kids Devotional:

This is an opportunity for you to go home and continue to learn about the lesson taught in Children's Church. The three devotionals are designed to connect to this week's lesson.

#### **The Challenge:**

Complete all three devotionals either as a family or by yourself. If you are by yourself, you will need to write down your answers to verify you did the devotional.

Have your parent or guardian sign below, verifying you completed each devotional. Each devotional is to be done on a separate date (for example, Monday, Thursday, and Saturday).

#### **The Reward:**

Return this portion of your notes to Children's Church on the following Sunday and you will receive one Grace Buck per devotional (so you can earn up to 3 Grace Bucks for doing all three)

*(Week of August 2)*

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#### **Devotional #1**

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#### **Devotional #2**

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#### **Devotional #3**

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**Devotional #3: The Older Son**

In the last devotional, we talked about the younger son. The younger son was openly disrespectful, completely rejected the family, and went away to selfishly live for himself.

Read Luke 15:25-28

How does the older son respond to his brother coming home?

What do you see the father do?

Read Luke 15:29-30

The older son, in Jesus' story, is not guilt free. Like the religious leaders in Jesus' day, the older son felt he did everything that was right and he could be accused of no wrong.

Was the older son truly perfect?

Read Luke 15:31

What is the father's plea for the older son?

Similar to last week's lesson on the banquet in heaven, the older son is left outside looking in at the party. In both stories, the religious leaders are the ones who have been invited in, but because of excuses and defiant rejection, they are not a part of God's feast—God's Kingdom.

We need to be careful to not live our lives thinking we have done everything right and deserve God's love and acceptance. We, like the older brother and the religious leaders, are all sinners and are guilty.

Don't find yourself on the outside looking in at God's Party.

Do you see yourself as good enough for God, or as a sinner who has been saved, accepted, and loved by your Heavenly Father?

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