

SMRUC 613 NEWS

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Luke 15:3-7

Parable of the Lost Sheep

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

One day Jesus told this story. There was a shepherd who had 100 sheep. The shepherd loved and cared for his sheep. Every day the shepherd would take his sheep to places where they could find plenty of green grass to eat and plenty of cool, clean water to drink. At night, the shepherd would keep the sheep safe in a place called a sheepfold. The sheepfold was a big yard with a stone wall around it. To keep the sheep in the sheepfold the shepherd would sleep against the doorway of the sheepfold. One day the shepherd was counting his sheep. 1...2...3...all the way to 98...99...but oh, no! One sheep was missing! Where was the sheep? You would have thought the shepherd would consider that since he had 99 more sheep, what was one little sheep? But the shepherd loved each sheep. So he left the other 99 sheep and went to look for the one lost sheep. He looked all around for the sheep. He looked over the hills and he looked in the bushes. Finally, the shepherd found his little sheep. He joyfully placed the

lost sheep on his shoulders and carried him back to the other sheep. He was so happy he had found his sheep. He called his neighbors and friends and asked them to rejoice with him. Jesus told this story to help us understand that God is like a shepherd who loves and cares for each one of us. We are all important to God.

- Who did Jesus tell this story to and why?
- What does it mean to be "lost" from God?
- Does this story remind you of another parable that you have learned?



This is Jesus



Hey-oh!

D H W G W J Q U R R S Q V N C
 F E X W X M L J E K E G T Z R
 O A D V Y V Q L J Z G P Y T I
 U V M S Z V T R O S C O E U G
 N E K H O M E V I Z H X F N H
 D N D E E J Q M C I K E L T T
 V G N Z U X W A E O I I E I E
 P O O F P A R A B L E B D P O
 J V P I F R I E N D S W J D U
 H T E N K E R B Z S C G E S S
 K Z R D K A G L K I G R G N D
 K B S O R C G I S N D B I M T
 M L O J B U Q R O N H K S S W
 G Y N G Y C O A U E C T O K C
 E W M E N H U H N R O L C C R

HOME	RIGHTEOUS	FIND	SHEEP	PERSON
HUNDRED	HEAVEN	FOUND	PARABLE	SINNER
ONE	LOST	REPENT	FRIENDS	REJOICE

Who was Saint Patrick?

Saint Patrick was born a long time ago, about 385 AD in the United Kingdom.

When he was 16 years old, he was kidnapped by a group of bad Irish raiders and forced to become a slave in Ireland.

After six years being a shepherd, he finally escaped to France and became a priest, then later a bishop.

When he was about 60 years old, Saint Patrick returned to Ireland to spread the Christian word. He used the shamrock, which resembles a three-leafed clover, as a symbol to explain the concept of God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit).



Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
L	D	M	A	T	H	Z	B	W	P	U	J	V	R	E	X	S	I	G	N	F	Y	Q	O	C	K

1. 14-18-19-6-5-15-24-11-17 _____
2. 21-24-11-20-2 _____
3. 6-15-4-13-15-20 _____
4. 10-4-14-4-8-1-15 _____
5. 1-24-17-5 _____
6. 21-14-18-15-20-2 _____
7. 6-24-3-15 _____
8. 14-15-10-15-20-5 _____
9. 17-6-15-15-10 _____
10. 14-15-12-24-18-25-15 _____

HEAVEN	RIGHTEOUS	FRIEND	SHEEP	REJOICE
HOME	PARABLE	LOST	REPENT	FOUND