Parent Cue

First Presbyterian Church Sarasota

Week of September 14, 2025

The Big Idea

God loves us, finds us, and keeps us safe; each of us brings joy to God.

This Week's Story

This week, we learned about "The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin" from **Luke 15:1-10**. The shepherd leaves 99 sheep to find one lost one, and the woman searches diligently for her lost coin, showing how important each individual is to God. There is joy in heaven when one who is lost is found!

Talk About It

Pre-K to 1st Grade

The shepherd and the woman had big parties when they found what was lost. How does God feel when someone who is lost comes back to Him?

2nd to 3rd Grade

Why do you think the shepherd left 99 safe sheep to find just one lost sheep? What does this tell you about how important each person is to God?

4th to 5th Grade

How is God's joy like our own when we find something precious we thought we had lost forever?

Try This At Home

Lost and Found Joy Jar

Decorate a jar as a family. Throughout the week, write down things you are thankful God helped you "find" (e.g., a lost toy, a new friend, an answer to a prayer, a moment of peace). Each night, pull one out and share the story of finding and the joy it brought.

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Week of September 21, 2025

The Big Idea

We put God first by using what we have to be honest and generous.

This Week's Story

This week, we explored the "Parable of the Shrewd Manager" from **Luke 16:1-13**. Jesus tells a tricky story about a manager who is clever with his master's money. The lesson reminds us that we cannot serve both God and money, and that we should use our resources to be generous toward others.

Talk About It

Pre-K to 1st Grade

If you had two favorite toys but could only play with one, which would you choose? Jesus wants us to choose him first!

2nd to 3rd Grade

The story talks about being honest and generous. What's one way you can be generous with something you have this week (like a toy, a snack, or your time)?

4th to 5th Grade

Jesus says you can't serve both God and money. What do you think that means for how we should think about the stuff we have?

Try This At Home

Generosity Challenge

Create a "Share Jar." Every time someone in the family shares something without being asked, put a small token (like a pom-pom or penny) in the jar. At the end of the week, see how full it is and celebrate the ways you chose God first through generosity.

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Week of September 28, 2025

The Big Idea

God wants us to listen, open our hearts and hands, and help others.

This Week's Story

This week, we learned about "The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus" from **Luke 16:19-31**. The story teaches us to listen to God, open our hearts and hands, and help those in need, especially those who are suffering, rather than ignoring them.

Talk About It

Pre-K to 1st Grade

The rich man had many chances to help Lazarus. What are some simple ways we can help others in need around us?

2nd to 3rd Grade

What are some things we see around us that show someone might need help? What can we do to open our hearts and hands to help them?

4th to 5th Grade

What does it mean to "open your hands and open your heart" in today's world, and how can we practice this in our community?

Try This At Home

Helping Hands

Trace your child's hand on a piece of paper. On each finger, write one way they can use their hands to help someone this week (e.g., share a toy, write a thank you note, pick up litter). Display it as a reminder to open our hands and hearts to others.

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Week of October 12, 2025

The Big Idea

We thank God for all good things, especially for health and healing.

This Week's Story

This week's story was about Jesus healing ten men with leprosy from **Luke 17:11-19**. All ten were healed, but only one—a Samaritan—came back to thank Jesus. The story reminds us how important it is to show gratitude for the good things God does for us.

Talk About It

Pre-K to 1st Grade

The man came back to say "thank you" to Jesus. Who is one person you can say a big "thank you" to today?

2nd to 3rd Grade

Why do you think only one of the ten men came back? How does it feel when you do something nice and someone says "thank you"?

4th to 5th Grade

The man who returned was a Samaritan, who was usually considered an outsider. What does this teach us about who can show gratitude and faith?

Try This At Home

Gratitude Chain

Each day this week, have every family member write something they are thankful for on a strip of paper (e.g., good health, a sunny day, a fun game). Link the strips together and watch your family's chain of thankfulness grow all week!