Kidz World's Church at Home `REVEALED' – The Parable of The Lost Sheep, Coin & Son

FUN TIME: "I Wool Always Love You"

What You Will Do: Get a ball or skein of yarn, and have your children try to stretch out the yarn as wide as they think God's love is for them. Then, show <u>this video</u> of the Guinness World Record for longest knitted scarf.

BIBLE TIME:

Did you know the longest knitted scarf in the world was almost 15,000 feet long? Can you imagine how much yarn they used to make that? But you know what? We could buy all the yarn in the world and we still wouldn't have enough yarn to show how much God loves us!

As we continue in our series, 'Revealed', the hidden message in Jesus' story today is so important, He uses three different parables to help us understand it. Do you remember what a parable is? It's a short story that teaches us an important lesson. Let's take a look at the parables of the lost sheep, coin and son.

READ: Luke 15:4-32

Familiarize yourself with the Bible passage and summarize it for your younger children. Read it with older children. For toddlers and preschoolers, simply share the answers to these questions with them as you summarize the Bible story. Keep it

short and sweet for them ${inom{ }}$.

- 1. What did the shepherd do when he lost one of his 100 sheep?
- 2. What did the woman who lost one of her ten coins do?
- 3. What did the father who lost one of his two sons do?

REAL TIME: Okay, so let's think back to all three of the stories we read. They all had something in common. What was it? (If you need to prompt, "Remember, the first one was about a sheep that got...? And the second was about a coin that got ...?) Right! They're all about something or someone that got lost! Jesus told these stories about something or someone very valuable and precious who is lost. The lost thing or person was found by someone who loves them very much!

The hidden meaning in this story is not just that God loves us. It's that **God will never stop loving us**! Each one of us is so valuable and so precious to God, and God wants to make sure we are never lost.

Read Romans 8:39b (NIRV). Now, you probably don't think you're lost, right? We all know where we are! We are at home in *[name of your city]*. But the hidden meaning of these stories means that some people are lost because they haven't yet discovered how big God's love is. They have not received Jesus as their Savior and they have no idea what real love is. Then there are others who feel like they aren't good enough. We might feel like we aren't doing enough to show we belong to God. Or, no matter how hard we try to be good people, sometimes we slip up. Even though you might feel this way, no matter who we are or where we are or what we are doing, **God never stops loving us.** Let's pray.

PRAYER TIME: "God, thank You for always loving us no matter what. Help us to remember that even if we mess up or find ourselves full of doubt, You still love us. And You will never stop. Thank You for loving us nonstop! In Jesus' Name, amen!"

"Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love. That's because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done." ~ Romans 8:39b (NIRV)