

ALL SAINTS at HOME and TOGETHER

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Losing and Finding Things

Hi everyone,

Today is about lost and found....and what it means when something that was lost is then found. Later in this newsletter we'll look at the song *Amazing Grace* and the history behind it - which is all about being lost and then found.

What things have you lost lately?

Perhaps:

- Your sports shirt ?
- Your homework book ?
- Other books ?
- Pencils and pens ?
- Money ?
- A digital file on a computer ?

And what do you do when you've lost something?

- You become sad, frustrated, annoyed and anxious.

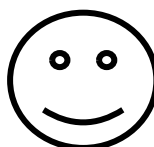


- Then you become a detective and try to go over everything you were doing, and re-trace your steps in order to search those places where the you think you lost the item.



And when you find the thing that was lost, how do you feel ?

- You feel happy and relieved.

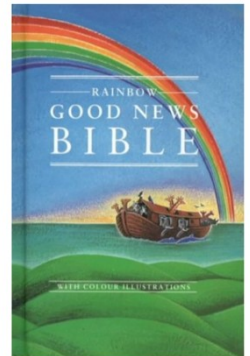


Now what happens when you are the thing that becomes lost?

- You'll also become sad, frustrated, annoyed and anxious.
- You'll also try to re-trace your steps and you might also ask someone for guidance.
- And when you're found:
 - you'll feel happy and relieved and you'll probably apologise for getting lost;
 - your parents will be happy and relieved; and
 - if others helped to find you, they'll also be happy and relieved.

Jesus told stories about being Lost and Found

- The story of the lost coin
- The story of the lost sheep, and
- The Prodigal Son.



I'm sure you'll be very familiar with the last one in particular?

The Lost Coin (Luke 15 v8-10)

A lady had 10 silver coins that were very precious to her.



One day she saw one was lost.

So she started to look everywhere for the coin.



Eventually she found it. She was so happy and told all her friends. They were all happy for her and celebrated with her for finding the lost coin.

The Lost Sheep (Luke 15 v4-7)

Once there was a shepherd who had 100 sheep. Everyday he would count them into the sheepfold.



But one day he found only 99 sheep. Being a good shepherd who cared for his flock, he started to look for the missing sheep - all the time worrying that it might be in danger from wild animals.



The shepherd didn't give up looking and eventually found the sheep. He was so happy and relieved. He picked it up, put it on his shoulders and carried it back to the sheepfold.

He then called his friends over to celebrate with him for his lost sheep which had been found.

The Prodigal Son

As you've probably heard this story many times, fill in the boxes to describe what happened.

It's found in **Luke 15:11-24**. If you haven't got your bible handy and you need to be reminded about the story (so that you can fill in the empty boxes) I've printed it on the following page).



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Luke 15:11-24 - The Lost Son

Jesus went on to say, "There was once a man who had two sons. The younger one said to him, 'Father, give me my share of the property now.' So the man divided his property between his two sons.

After a few days the younger son sold his part of the property and left home with the money. He went to a country far away, where he wasted his money in reckless living. He spent everything he had.

Then a severe famine spread over that country, and he was left without a thing. So he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him out to his farm to take care of the pigs. He wished he could fill himself with the bean pods the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything to eat.

At last he came to his senses and said, 'All my father's hired workers have more than they can eat, and here I am about to starve! I will get up and go to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired workers."' So he got up and started back to his father.

"He was still a long way from home when his father saw him; his heart was filled with pity, and he ran, threw his arms around his son, and kissed him.

'Father,' the son said, 'I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son.' But the father called to his servants.

'Hurry!' he said. 'Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Then go and get the prize calf and

Did you notice the similarities and the differences in the 3 stories?

Similarities

- Each thing found (the coin, the sheep and the son) brought great happiness to the person who had lost them.
- Each of the things found resulted in a celebration by the person finding it.

Differences

- The coin wouldn't have felt anything by being found.
- The sheep probably was glad to be back with the rest of flock.
- The son was not only glad to be back with his father, but also realised that he'd done wrong by going off, and expected to be punished.

The big surprise for the son was that the father was overjoyed to see his son and he totally forgave him.

And the father probably was even happier that the son had realised that he had done wrong and was asking for forgiveness.

Jesus told the three stories to show:

1. How it feels when something lost is found.
2. How those who love you, keep loving you and thinking about you even when you're lost. And then, when you realise you have done wrong, and hurt them, they welcome you back.
3. That God loves us, even when we drift away from Him. But when we come back to Him, and realise what we did wrong, He is ecstatically happy and welcomes us with open arms.



Here's a jolly song to celebrate being lost and then found (skip any adverts)...and feel free to jump around !!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4bIzUNcI_I

And here's a famous "lost and found" story and song from the 1700's.



Amazing Grace

I expect you know the song "Amazing Grace" (it's hymn 440 in the "Singing the Faith" hymnbook). It was originally written by the clergyman John Newton (1725-1807).

In his earlier life, John Newton used to be a sailor and then sea captain on slave ships and was part of the Atlantic Slave Trade. On one voyage in 1748 his ship was battered by storms and he thought he was going to die. At that point he had a "spiritual conversion" and he called out to God for mercy. He survived the storm and a few years later he quit his seafaring career, studied Christianity, became an abolitionist (someone who wanted to abolish the slave trade) and a clergyman. He wrote *Amazing Grace* in 1772.

Listen to this song being sung by Judy Collins (skip the adverts) and follow the words below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AtteRD5bBNQ>

1. Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come,
'Twas grace has brought us safe thus far
And grace will lead us home.

4. When we've been there ten thousand
years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.
5. Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

Prayer

God of lost sheep, coins and all people,
help us to remember you are with us in
love and forgiveness every day.

Guide us to share your love with others
through all that we do.

Amen



Word Searches

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LOST

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