

BE FOUND

At our Kids Games Circus

The lost one has run away from home and her father (Luke 15:11-31)... to the circus! She meets various members of the circus and chat to them and realises that they have all their own problems and fears. She finds herself sharing some of the things she has learnt from her Father. Along the way she realises what she has lost and where she really wants to be... home!

1 John 3:1

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!

DAY 1

Main Teaching Point: Be Found in His Mercy

Drama: Lost One meets a clown, and actually finds out she is very sad and 'on the run' from something they feel guilty about back home.

Bible Teaching: John 8:1-11, Women caught in adultery.

"Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you? Neither do I. Go and sin no more"

Explain mercy as not getting the consequences you deserve. Share that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, but God loves us, and while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

DAY 2

Main Teaching Point: Be Found in His Grace

Drama: Strongman is very proud and complains he does all the work around the circus and should get more pay. Tells off the Caretaker, who is little and weak.

Bible Teaching: Matt 20:10-16, Parable of the Workers

"I want to pay this last worker as much as the first..."

Not only does God forgive our wrong, but pours out His grace.

What blessing or gift does God give us?

This gift is based on his goodness rather than what we think we deserve. It is therefore for everyone, no matter what they can do!

DAY 3

Main Teaching Point: Be Found in His Strength

Drama: Tightrope walker who is afraid of heights

Bible Teaching: Ps 91/27, Matt 6: 25-33, 1 Peter 5:7????

"Give all your cares to God, for he cares about you."

Because it is not about what we do, and because he love us so much, we can trust God and find strength in Him.

His care and protection makes us brave.

DAY 4

Main Teaching Point: Be Found in His Family

Drama: Lost one realises she's made a mistake and would like to go home but she feels she cannot. Feels guilty (clown), feels unworthy (janitor), feels afraid (trapeze artist). Other characters contribute what they have learnt and encourage him to go back and he found in his family again. End with footage of lost one running home to Dad.

Bible Teaching: Luke 15:11-31, Lost Son Parable

"We have to celebrate this special day. For your brother was dead and has come back, he was lost and now he is found!"

God is our Heavenly Father, just like the Father in the story.

Make links to all the Dramas.

Make the invitation to all be found in His family.