

WHO IS JESUS LOOKING FOR?

Matthew 18: 2-4

2Jesus **called** a little child – and the little child came and **stood** in the **middle** of the **disciples**.
 3Jesus said to his disciples, “What I say is **true**: You **must change**! You must **become like** little children – **or** you **cannot** come into God's **kingdom**. 4You must **humble** yourself **like** this child. **Then** you will be the **greatest** in God's kingdom.”

Matthew 19: 13-15 & Luke 18: 16-17

M19:13Then people **brought** little children to Jesus. The people **wanted** Jesus to **put** his hands on the children – and the people wanted Jesus to **pray** for the children. But the disciples **scolded** the people: No, **go away**.

L18:16**But** Jesus called the children to him. Jesus said, “**Let** the little children come to me – do not **stop** the little children.

“You must be **like** the little children – God's kingdom **belongs** to people **like** the little children.

L18:17“What I say is true. You must **receive** God's kingdom **like** a little child – **or** you cannot come into the kingdom of **heaven**.”

M19:15Then Jesus put his hands on the little children.

WHO ELSE IS JESUS LOOKING FOR?

Luke 15: 1-7

1The **sinners** were all coming **near** Jesus – the sinners wanted to **listen** to Jesus. 2But the **religious leaders complained**, “Jesus **welcomes** sinners – he eats **with** sinners.”

3Then Jesus **told** the religious leaders a **parable**: 4“**Maybe** you have 100 **sheep**. But you **lose** one sheep. What do you do? You **leave** 99 sheep on the **prairie**. You go and **look for** the lost sheep – you look **until** you find the one sheep.

5“**When** you **find** your sheep you are **very happy**. You put the sheep on your **shoulders** – 6and you **carry** the sheep home. Then you **invite** your friends and **neighbors** – and you say, ‘Be happy with me! I found my lost sheep!’

7“**It is the same** in heaven. Heaven is very happy when one sinner **repents**. Heaven is happier **about** one sinner **than** about 99 good people – who do not **need** to repent.”

WHY DID JESUS COME TO EARTH?

Luke 19: 9-10 & Matthew 18: 14

L19:9Jesus said... 10“I came to **look for** and **save** the lost.”

M18:14“Your **Father in Heaven feels** the **same** – he does not want one humble **person** to be lost.”

CONTENT QUESTIONS**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- **Where** did the little child stand? (Matthew 18:2)
- What must we become like? (verse 3)
 - What **attitude** must we have? (verse 4)

What **status** do little children have?

Why do you **think** we must be humble (to **enter** the kingdom of God)?

- Why did people bring the little children to Jesus? (Matthew 19:13)
- What did the disciples say to the people? (verse 13)
- What did Jesus say about the children? (Luke 18:16)
- Who can go into the kingdom of heaven? (verse 18:17)

What are little children like?

How do little children feel about their fathers? [Daddy! Daddy!]

Do little children love their parents?

Do little children **believe** and **trust** their parents?

- What did Jesus do to the children? (Matthew 19:15)

How do you think Jesus feels about children?

- Who wanted to be near Jesus? (Luke 15:1) Why?
- Who complained? (verse 2) Why?

Did the religious leaders think: We are good people?

Did they think: We must say "I'm sorry" to God? We must repent?

Did they love people? Did they want to help sinners?

Do you think sinners wanted to be with the religious leaders?

Or do you think sinners wanted to be with Jesus?

What is a sinner?

[A sinner = think **bad** things, say bad things, and do bad things]

- In Jesus' parable (story), how many sheep did the person have? (verse 4)
- What did 1 sheep do? (verse 4)

- Then, what did the person do? (verse 4)
- (When he found his lost sheep), how did he feel? (verse 5)

What do you think? Is the person happier about the 1 sheep or the 99 sheep?

- How does the Father in Heaven feel when one sinner repents? (verse 7 & Matthew 18:14)
- Why did Jesus come to earth? (Luke 19:10)

What 2 kinds of people (in today's story) did Jesus come to look for?

[1. Humble and trusting – like children]

[2. Sinners]

who	誰
look for	探す
call	呼び寄せる
stand - stood - stood	立つ、立った
middle	真ん中
disciple	弟子
TRUE	事実、本当のこと
must	しなければならない
change	変わる、変える
(become) like	のように（のようになる）
or	あるいは
cannot	わけにはいけない、できない
kingdom	(神の) 国、(神の) 王国
humble	(自分を) 低する [動詞]、謙遜な [形容詞]
then	そして、その場合、その時、そしたら
great / greater / greatest	偉大・より偉大・最も偉大、素晴らしい・より素晴らしい・最も素晴らしい
bring - brought - brought	連れてくる、持ってくる
want	欲しい、したい（この場合は「して欲しい」）
put - put - put	置く、入れる
pray	祈る
scold	しかる
go away	行け、去って行け
but	しかし
let	許す、許しなさい
stop	やめる、止まる、止まれ、止める
belong to	(人) のものである
receive	受ける、受け入れる
heaven	天国

else	他に
sinner	悪い思い、言葉、行動のある人、罪人
near	近くに、側に
listen	聞く
religious leader	宗教のリーダー
complain	文句を言う
welcome	迎える、歓迎する
with	一生に（いる）、一生に（やる）、（それ）で（やる）
tell - told - told	話をする、伝える、命じる
parable	たとえ話 (霊的な意味のある話)
maybe	もしかしたら、もしかして
sheep (1 sheep, 2 sheep)	羊
lose - lost - lost	失う、なくす
leave - left - left	残す、離れる
prairie	原、野原
look for	探す
until	まで
when	その時、（見つける）時...、（見つける）と...
find - found - found	見つける
very	非常に
happy / happier / happiest	嬉しい・より嬉しい・最も嬉しい、喜ぶ
shoulder	肩
carry	運ぶ、持ち運ぶ
invite	招待する、招く
neighbor	近所の人、隣人
same	同じ
repent	悔い改める
about	について、約
than	より
need	必要がある

why	なぜ、どうして
save	救う
Father in Heaven	天におられる父なる神
feel - felt - felt	感じる
same	同じ（ように）
person (1 person, 2 people])	(一人の) 人

where	どこ
attitude	態度
status	立場、身分
think - thought - thought	思う、考える
enter	入る
believe	信じる
trust	信頼する、に頼る
bad	悪い
earth	地、地球
kind	種類、タイプ、ような