

# Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie  
welcomes

.....  
to Mass today.

## The Lost Sheep



### The Parable of the Lost Sheep

(Luke 15:1-10)

#### ***Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year C.***

Have you ever lost something that was really important to you? What did you do? In our Gospel reading today, Jesus tells two stories about people who have lost something very important to them.

The first story Jesus told was about a man who had a hundred sheep. One of his sheep strayed away from the flock and became lost. Since every one of the man's sheep was important to him, he left the ninety-nine and went to search for the one lost sheep. When he found it, he was so happy that he called all of his friends together and said, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." Next, Jesus told a story about a woman who had ten silver coins, each worth a day's wages. The woman counted her coins, and noticed that she had lost one. Do you know what she did? She turned on every light in the house, swept the floor, and searched until she found the one lost coin. And when she had found it, she called all of her friends and neighbours together to rejoice with her.

Jesus told these two stories to demonstrate God's love for us. We are God's children, but sometimes we get lost. When that happens, God doesn't give up on us. He searches for us and he won't stop until we are found. In fact, the Bible tells us that God sent his son, Jesus, to seek and save the lost. And just as the people in the story rejoiced when they found what was lost, Jesus said, "There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents". Gosh, I'm glad that God loves us so much that he doesn't give up on us when we get lost...aren't you?

# Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet.  
Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal  
the coded words:



L	D	M	A	T	H	Z	B	W	P	U	J	V
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

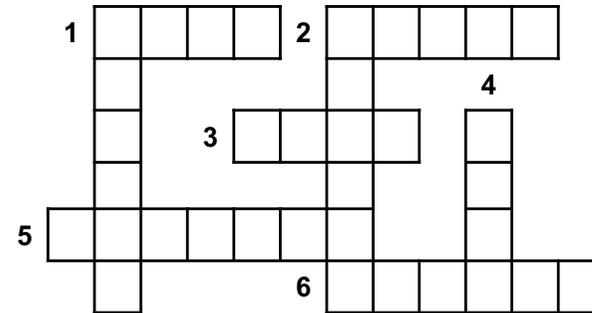
R	E	X	S	I	G	N	F	Y	Q	O	C	K
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 14-18-19-6-5-15-24-11-17 \_\_\_\_\_
- 21-24-11-20-2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-15-4-13-15-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-4-14-4-8-1-15 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1-24-17-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 21-14-18-15-20-2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-24-3-15 \_\_\_\_\_
- 14-15-10-15-20-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 17-6-15-15-10 \_\_\_\_\_
- 14-15-12-24-18-25-15 \_\_\_\_\_

Heaven	Righteous	Friend	Sheep	Rejoice
Home	Parable	Lost	Repent	Found



# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- The place where a person lives
- A woolly farm animal, related to the goat
- To locate something that was lost
- To express great happiness and joy
- To turn away from sin

## DOWN

- The place where God and the angels live
- A person who breaks God's law
- To no longer have something because you don't know where it is

Rejoice	Sinner	Heaven	Sheep
Repent	Lose	Find	Home

# Children's Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father. We know that we are your children and that you love each and every one of us. We are thankful that you don't give up on us when we get lost. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

