

YEAR C

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# LET HEAVEN REJOICE

## VISUAL AIDS

- > Two posters, one saying LOST, the other saying FOUND.
- > Some lost and found adverts from newspapers.
- > Sheep shape and coin shape cut-outs.

## WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

*Say/sing together:*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**May God help us see and find  
the treasure he has for us.**  
**Alleluia!**

A reading from the Good News  
given to us by Luke.  
**Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus says,  
'Imagine you were a shepherd with  
a flock of 100 sheep, and lost one?  
Wouldn't you go out to look for the  
one lost sheep, even though you had  
99 others?  
Wouldn't you search everywhere,  
even in dangerous places?

## DISCUSSION

Who are the two people that Jesus  
asks us to imagine?  
What do they both have in common?  
- they both lost something.  
What did they lose?  
- a sheep, and a coin.  
What did they do?  
- searched hard and long for it.  
Why?  
- because it was so valuable to them.

How did they feel when they found  
what was lost?  
- happy, and rejoicing.  
How can we get lost from God?  
How does God feel?  
How does God search for us?  
What happens when someone who  
is lost is found?  
- everyone should rejoice with God.



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## SHARING

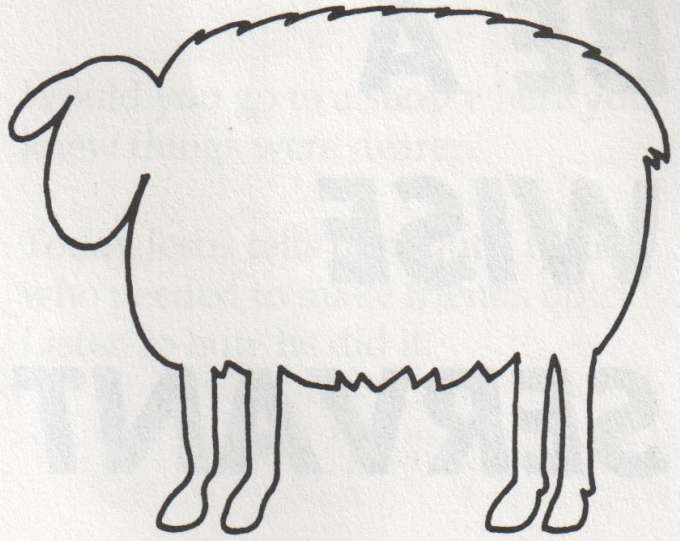
Encourage the children to share their experience of losing things:

how did they feel?

what did they do about it?

how did they feel when they found what they had lost?

Today Jesus tells two stories about people who lost things. Listen to what they did.



And then when you found it, what would you do?

You'd put it on your shoulders, and come home again happy.

You'd be so happy you would probably call all your friends together and have a party to celebrate.

Or suppose you were a housewife who had ten coins but lost one.

Wouldn't you light a lamp, look in

every corner, sweep the whole house out until you found it?

And wouldn't you call on your friends or neighbours to tell them the news?

So too God your Father welcomes back anyone who is lost.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## ACTIVITIES

> Have the children mime the two Gospel scenes.

Some can play the part of the sheep.

> Let the children choose either a sheep shape or a coin shape cut-out.

> Have them write or draw on them what they would like God to find them doing during the coming week, so that God and their friends or family will be happy: e.g. 'I will help with the washing up'; etc.