

Worship at Home July 18th 2021

Jesus cares for those who have lost their way. Mark 6:34

Introduction: Hide a favourite toy, stuffed animal or book for each child in your family.

Ask the children to go and get it and when they can't find it where it normally would be ask them what we should do? It makes me feel sad when you lose something important. How about I come and help you look for it.

Message: Have you ever felt lost or alone? Can you remember a time when you needed to have someone near you to make you feel safe?

Who do you look to when you need help?

In Jesus time people kept coming to him, looking for him for help when they were sick, when they felt lost. Jesus and his disciples became really tired and wanted to rest. But the people still wanted and needed to be near Jesus and to listen to him.

Let's read from the Bible Mark 6:30-34

³⁰ The apostles that Jesus had sent out to preach returned. They gathered around him and told him about all the things they had done and taught. ³¹ Crowds of people were coming and going. Jesus and his followers did not even have time to eat. He said to them, "Come with me. We will go to a quiet place to be alone. There we will get some rest."

³² So they went in a boat alone to a place where there were no people. ³³ But many people saw them leave and recognized them. So people from all the towns ran to the place where Jesus was going. They got there before Jesus arrived. ³⁴ When he landed, he saw a great crowd waiting. Jesus had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he taught them many things.

Did you hear the word compassion? Some people think it just means that you feel sorry for them but it means more than that. It means that when Jesus saw that they were like sheep without a shepherd, he was moved to action. He didn't tell them to go away and come back later, he didn't turn away from them. Jesus wanted to show them love and care.

It was like when I saw that you couldn't find your..... I was sad and wanted to help you find it. I didn't say don't worry, it doesn't matter, I am too tired. We can look later. Jesus is like that with us too. He will be with us, teaching us, loving us all the time. Being close to Jesus helps us not to feel lost or alone. We know that Jesus will never leave us.

Prayer time: Think of some people you know that need your compassion. Ask God to be with them and ask him to show you ways that you can put your care into action.

Clips: [Who is Jesus? Short cartoon animation \(HD\) - YouTube](#)

Songs: [A Gift to You \(Everything I Am\) with lyrics - YouTube](#)
[Love One Another - YouTube](#)
[Newsboys - Love One Another \(Official Lyric Video\) - YouTube](#)
[Super Wonderful - YouTube](#)

Activity: Care in action. Use a list something like this one and each time someone in the family shows care in action – compassion colour or mark the square.



Write a positive note to a classmate	Let someone go before you in line	Push in someone's chair	Hold a door open for someone
Play with someone new during recess	Give a silent wave	Say "hi" to someone new	Thank an adult in the school for something they do.
Sharpen someone's pencils	Make a card for your favorite teacher	Give a compliment to someone	Help someone who has dropped something
Help someone before they ask	Give a nice compliment	Clean up after yourself	Clean up after someone else



