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Prayer for this Week:

Lord Jesus, thank you for looking me when I am lost and finding me. Amen. (Luke 15:3-6)

For Throughout the Day:

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Give me a new spirit that is faithful to you. Amen. (Psalm 51:10)

A Blessing to Share:

May God bless you with his kindness and generosity. May he fill you with the faith and love that come from Jesus Christ. Amen. (1 Timothy 1:14)

Mealtime Refrain:

Honor and glory to God our King:
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Faith Talk:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you lost something. What did you do?
- Read the parable of the lost sheep (Luke 15:3-7). How do people get "lost" from God? How does God respond?
- What does it mean to repent? How does God treat those who repent?

Devotional Practices:

Jesus told a parable about a woman who, when she lost a silver coin, searched carefully until she found it (Luke 15:8-10). He compared the woman in the story to God, who searches out sinners and rejoices when they turn to him. Place jar of coins in your home devotional area. In your home devotion times this week, invite household members to take a coin and share something from their day they would like to say sorry to God for. Finish by saying this prayer together: *"Thank you, God, for searching for us when we stray from you. Thank you for finding us and forgiving us. Amen."*

Service:

Take a large garbage bag and go for a household neighborhood walk. Collect as many "lost" or discarded items as you can find.

Rituals and Traditions:

With younger children: Hide real or chocolate coins in your house and play a good old-fashioned game of "hide and seek". If you use real coins, spend what you find on a treat for the household. Talk about how God rejoices when people who are lost from him return.

With older children: Work together on completing a jigsaw puzzle. As you do, talk about how each piece in the puzzle is needed and has a special place – and how, in a similar way, each one of us is valuable to God and is sought out by him. Share about the special qualities you see in one another.

Parent Toolbox: Memos from Your Child

The following are some phrases that a child might say to their parent to help them be wise in raising their children.

- Don't spoil me. I know quite well that I ought not to have all I asked for. I'm only testing you.
- Don't be afraid to be firm with me. I prefer it. It makes me feel more secure.
- Don't let me form bad habits. I'm relying on you for their early detection.
- Don't make me feel smaller than I am. It only makes me behave stupidly trying to be 'big'.
- Don't correct me in front of others if you can help it. I prefer it in private.
- Don't protect me from consequences. I need to learn the painful way sometimes.
- Don't make rash promises. It breaks trust when promises are broken.

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