



I Wonder... What's so special about Jesus and why did he come to earth?

Read the Bible passages aloud. Then, answer the questions together. Be sure everyone has a chance to speak.

Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

So Jesus told them this story: “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!

“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.”

Luke 15:1-10, NLT



You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5-8, NLT

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16, NLT



“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.”

1 John 1:9, NLT

To Discuss:

- In the first passage, who is represented by the lost sheep?
- Why do you think Jesus also brings up the example of the lost coin?
- For both the lost sheep and lost coin what happens when they are found?
- What is the response of God when one sinner repents and turns to him?
- Why do you think there is such great rejoicing in heaven when someone repents and turns to God?
- In the second passage in Philippians, what was the attitude of Jesus?
- What did Jesus give up in his desire to obey God the Father?
- What was Jesus willing to do in obedience and humility?
- In John 3:16, why did God send his son?
- What is offered to everyone who believes in Jesus?
- In 1 John, what is the promise given?
- Have you ever thought about God’s love for you?
- Do you know how much God and Jesus have given up for you?
- What is offered to you if you believe in Jesus and repent from your sins?
- How will God respond if you choose to believe in Jesus and be saved from the punishment of your sin?