

# “On A Mission” - LESSON 1

## “Seek And Save The Lost”

### Main Focus:

Jesus came to Earth to save people from sin



### Power Verse:

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– Luke 19:10



### Watt’s Up:

“Jesus Came To Save The Lost!”

## LEADER’S INFO

Jesus was on a mission! He left Heaven and came to Earth for a number of reasons. When He visited Zaccheaus’ home, He declared the number one reason He came. “The Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

Often, people who are lost don’t realize they are lost. They think they are just living their life, not realizing that they are wandering in a dark wilderness without a purpose.

Jesus told the Parable of the Lost Son in order to illustrate how God feels when one of His children were lost, but now are found! He celebrates because He loves every one of His children - even the ones who willingly walk away from Him.

In this lesson, the children will learn the lengths that Jesus will go through to seek and save God’s children.



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Arizona Jones



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### Character Skit

“Maple Sawback”



### Offering Time



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## **CHARACTER SKIT**

**Character: “Maple Sawback”** *(a female lumberjack, or “lumberjane” as she calls it, who is ON A MISSION to save the forest)*

**MAPLE:** *(carries a large ax, yodels as she comes out onstage)* Yoohoo! Oh YOOHOO!

**Leader:** Yoohoo to you, too! Can I help you?

**MAPLE:** *(laughs)* Fancy city folk with their fancy city talk. Say, you haven’t seen a beaver out here, have you?

**Leader:** Fancy? City talk? BEAVER?

**MAPLE:** Yeah! You know, a beaver. Kind of like a dog, but with a big flat tail and buck teeth *(mimics having buck teeth and makes squeaking noises)*

**Leader:** Okay, this is getting weirder by the second. I didn’t get your name.

**MAPLE:** That’s because I haven’t given it yet! The name’s Maple - Maple Sawback!

**Leader:** Your name is Maple? Like the tree?

**MAPLE:** NOPE! Like the syrup. My pappy loved syrup on his flapjacks so much he named all of his kids after it. I’ve got two sisters named Blueberry and Apple, and a brother named B.P.!

**Leader:** What does THAT stand for?

**MAPLE:** Butter Pecan. Yep, the Sawback family is the greatest bunch of lumberjacks this side of the Rockies! Well...lumberjacks and lumberjanes.

**Leader:** What in the WORLD is a lumberjane?

**MAPLE:** That’s ME! A female lumberjack! Now if you’ll excuse me...*(hands cupped around mouth, yelling)* MORTYYYYYY! MORTYYYYYY! COME HERE MORTY!

**Leader:** Who or WHAT is Morty?!

**MAPLE:** My special sidekick! Morty! You must have noticed - about 10 feet tall, wears a kilt and a tiara....is invisible.

**Leader:** How in the world am I supposed to notice a 10 foot tall BEAVER when it’s INVISIBLE?!

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## CHARACTER SKIT

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**MAPLE:** *(laughs)* You city folk need a lot of learnin’ when it comes to beaver spotting! You just LISTEN for him, of course!

**Leader:** Does he make some sort of special beaver noise?

**MAPLE:** Nope. Morty plays the banjo. Listen! *(puts a hand to her ear; grabs the leader’s hand and makes them do the same)* You hear that?

**Leader:** No - I don’t.

**MAPLE:** That’s because it’s invisible.

**Leader:** *(wrestles their hand away)* We can’t be wasting time hunting giant invisible banjo strumming beavers! We’re on a MISSION here! We’re here to learn how we help LOST people!

**MAPLE:** Oh, that’s EASY. I know how to help Lost people! When you’re lost in the woods, just remember - moss always grows on the OUTSIDE of a tree.

**Leader:** I don’t mean THAT kind of lost! I’m talking about people that don’t have God! When you don’t have God leading your life - it’s like you’re LOST! People are LOST without God!

**MAPLE:** *(thinks for a moment)* Does God grow on the outside of trees? Maybe that’d help.

**Leader:** *(laughs)* Lost people don’t need trees. They need JESUS! Jesus came to the Earth to help lost people, to SAVE sinners!

**MAPLE:** *(snaps her fingers, excited)* JESUS GROWS ON TREES! Give people a tree and they’ll be saved!

**Leader:** *(slaps their forehead)* NO! You don’t need to receive a tree or anything else to be saved. You just need to receive JESUS! Receive Jesus and you’ll be saved! Besides - Jesus doesn’t grow on trees!

**MAPLE:** Are you sure? I saw a bush that kind of looked like him once. Granted, it was night - and I was squinting - and it was really REALLY far away. It might’ve been a bear. *(acts surprised)* LISTEN! *(cups hand to her ear)* MORTY! Morty’s backstage! I’ll see you later, city-folk! This is Maple Sawback - reminding YOU - don’t eat wood - unless you’re a beaver. You’ll hurt its feelings. And your intestines. Bye! *(yodels as her theme music plays)*



# **GAME ON!**

## **“Lost And Found”**

### **Items Needed For Game:**

ten envelopes; ten pieces of paper; permanent marker

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### **Preparation:**

Write varying point values on each piece of paper. Place the ten pieces of paper, folded, individually into the ten envelopes. Write the word “LOST” on the outside of each envelope. Before children arrive, hide the envelopes in various places around the room.

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### **How To Play:**

Choose two teams with an even number of boys and girls to compete on each team. When you say, “Go!”, their job is to search the entire room until they find all ten envelopes that are LOST. Once all ten envelopes are found, open the envelopes to find out how many points each team was able to FIND. The team with the biggest point total is the winner!

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### **After The Game, Say:**

*“Wow! You all were really determined to find all of the lost envelopes. You were searching high and low just to find some envelopes. Today, we are going to learn how Jesus is even more determined than that to SEEK and SAVE the people in this world who are LOST without Him.”*



# Bible Story

## “Parable Of The Lost Son”

### Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; the PowerPoint presentation for Lesson 1; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

### Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in Luke 15:11-32; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

### The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is found in the book of Luke, chapter 15. It’s a story that Jesus told to help people understand how much God loves them. There was a father who had two sons. One of his sons, the youngest, approached his father one day (*show pic*) and said, “Give me my share of the inheritance.” His son had decided he would be better off on his own with NO rules, NO boundaries, NO bedtime, NO chores! He thought he would have an amazing life of fun and no worries!



The father gave his son what he asked for. The son left his house and went out to live on his own. (*show pic*) He started partying, drinking, and living a sinful lifestyle. He thought he had lots of friends, but most of those friends were only hanging out with him because he had lots of money to spend.



It wasn’t long before the boy had wasted all of his money on wild and sinful living. He ended up with no money to buy anything to eat, so he got a job feeding pigs. (*show pic*) Can you imagine sloshing around in the mud with a bunch of smelly pigs? It was the worst job you can imagine, but he was so hungry that even the food that he was feeding the pigs looked good to him.



The son looked around at the situation he had gotten himself into and said to himself, “My father’s servants live better than this! I will return home and beg for the forgiveness of my father and ask him to take me back as a hired servant.” I imagine he thought his father was going to be angry at him. He probably expected a long lecture from his dad, if his dad would even talk to him at all.



But, that’s not what happened. (*show pic*) As the boy approached his father’s house, his loving father, who had been watching and hoping every day for his son’s return, saw him coming and ran to meet him. (*show pic*) He threw his arms around him and hugged him and kissed him. He threw a huge party to celebrate. He said, “My son was lost, but now he is found!”



Jesus told that story to help people understand how God feels about them. The father in the story represents God. The lost son represents all of God’s children who try to live life on their own without God. In your lesson today, you are going to learn that God loves the lost so much that He sent Jesus to seek and save them.



# Call To Action

## “Seek And Save The Lost”

### Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; a large box with the words “LOST AND FOUND” written on the outside; fill the box with various items that children might lose such as a jacket, shoe, glasses, lunch box, gloves, etc.

### Preparation:

Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson One,” begin with the slide titled “Seek And Save The Lost”



### The Message: *(title slide)*

*(hold up the box)* Have you ever seen one of these at your school? It’s where all of the items that have been lost end up. It’s called the “Lost and Found?” Kids are always losing things. Early in the school year, there probably isn’t very much in it, but it won’t be very long until the “Lost and Found” is running over like this box. Let’s see what we can find in our “Lost and Found” box.

*(pull out a shoe)* Look! Here is a shoe. How in the world can a person lose one shoe? Wouldn’t you think they would notice that they were only wearing one shoe?

*(pull out a pair of glasses)* Here’s a pair of glasses. Now, I bet the kid who lost these is having a hard time doing their homework without their glasses. Well, I guess that’s a better excuse than telling your teacher the dog ate your homework. Teachers never believe that one.

*(pull out a pair of gloves)* Here’s a nice pair of gloves. Boy, when it is cold outside this person is going to sure wish they knew where these were. *(put down the box)*

Have you ever lost something that was really important to you? What did you do? Did you just say, “Oh well, no problem, I can always get another one?” No, I imagine that you probably searched until you found what you had lost. And then, when you finally found the item that was lost, did you say, “Oh well. No big deal!” I doubt it. If you are like most people, you gott very excited when you found something you thought was lost forever!

Our Bible Story today showed us a reaction like that. When the “lost” son returned home, the father jumped up, hugged his son, and threw a party to celebrate that his lost son was now found. Jesus told this story 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.

In fact, the Bible tells us that God sent his son, Jesus, to seek and save the lost. That was one of the biggest parts of Jesus’ MISSION here on Earth. He came to “seek and save the lost.” So, who are the LOST?

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## Call To Action (Continued)

### People Are “LOST” Without God *(slide)*



God created human beings to be in relationship with Him. God gave us the life we have, and He has a perfect plan for each of us. That plan includes loving Him and obeying His commands. The problem is, sometimes people think that THEIR way is better than GOD’S way. They decide that living in sin would be more fun than living for God. They are a lot like the young son in today’s Bible Story.

Sadly, people who try to live without God end up wandering through life with no purpose. They are “lost” because they are not in relationship with the One who created them - God. But, God didn’t want people to stay “lost.” That’s why...

### Jesus Came To Earth To Save Sinners *(slide)*



Jesus left Heaven on a mission! His mission was to “seek and save the lost.” That means, His mission was to find those who were living in sin and show them the way back to God. Jesus lived a perfect life without sin. Everywhere He went He told about God’s love. Ultimately, Jesus gave His life by dying on a cross. The reason He did that was to pay the price for OUR sin. He didn’t deserve to die, but He chose to die so that we wouldn’t have to pay the price for our sin. Romans 6:23 says, “The payment for sin is death.”

Perhaps you say, “I am so thankful that Jesus came on a mission to seek and save the lost. I know I am lost without Jesus. But, how do I become ‘found?’ How do I become someone that Jesus has ‘saved?’” Well, I am glad you asked. The Bible teaches in Romans 10:9, “If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” In other words...

### If I Receive Jesus, I Will Be Saved *(slide)*

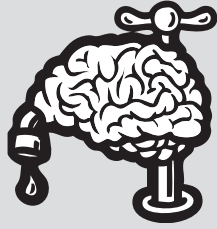


All you have to do is say, “Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. I believe that you died on a cross for my sins, and I want to live for you the rest of my life!” Instantly, your sins will be forgiven! Instantly, you will be saved from being “lost.” That’s God’s plan for everyone! God wants everyone to be saved! That was the biggest part of Jesus’ mission! So, why remain “lost?” Choose to receive Jesus, today!

### ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray for the children who need to receive Jesus as their Savior. Then, lead everyone in a prayer for the family and friends they know who are “lost.” Pray that God will use them to reach their family and friends for Jesus!





## **BRAIN DRAIN**

### **Materials Needed:**

The Data Disc; The DVD

### **Preparation:**

Play the “Brain Drain” Video Intro off the DVD; Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson One,” begin with the slide titled “Brain Drain”; there is a slide for each question

**1. Watt’s Up today?**

**Answer:** “Jesus Came To Save The Lost!”

**2. What was the name of our hero in the Intro Video?**

**Answer:** Arizona Jones

**3. What did the young man decide to do in our Bible Story?**

**Answer:** Leave His Father’s House

**4. Did his money last very long?**

**Answer:** No

**5. What kind of job did he end up getting?**

**Answer:** Feeding Pigs

**6. How did his father react when he came home?**

**Answer:** He Was Joyful

**7. According to our lesson today, “People Are \_\_\_\_\_ Without God.”**

**Answer:** Lost

**8. According to our lesson today, “Jesus Came To Earth To \_\_\_\_\_ Sinners.”**

**Answer:** Save

**9. According to our lesson today, “If I Receive \_\_\_\_\_, I Will Be Saved.”**

**Answer:** Jesus

**10. Where was our Power Verse found?**

**Answer:** Luke 19:10

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