



Cumbria Bible Challenge

Finding the Lost Collective Worship

Introduce your props. **Have a table of props, some money, a sweet, a photograph, a soft toy, a book. (anything which is precious to you, which you wouldn't want to lose)**

"I wonder what you think today's assembly might be about?" (Take suggestions from the children, but don't give them an answer.)

"I wonder if any of you have ever lost anything? I have.

Every now and then, I take the cushions off my sofa and give it a good clean– I poke my hands into the cracks and it is quite amazing what I find. Money, little lego figures even food sometimes (YUK)!

I don't know how long they have been lost– sometimes they are my children's things and I know they will be delighted the things have been found. But sometimes they are my things, and I realise I didn't even notice I was missing them. "

"So, who else has lost something before?" (ask the children for some examples, what was it, did you find it, how did it feel when it was lost etc..)

"Sometimes we lose things and we find them and this feels great. Sometimes we lose things and we don't find them and this doesn't feel so good– it can leave us feeling really sad."

In the Bible there are lots of stories about being lost. There are lots about people getting lost. I can think about 1 where a sheep got lost, but today I'm going to tell you one about some coins being lost.

The Message:

Luke 15: 8-10. use a children's bible or The Ten Silver Coins from Stories Jesus Told book by Nick Butterworth.

Reflection:

I lose things often, sometimes I look for them and find them but often I look for them and give up.

God is a bit like the lady in this story and we are a bit like the coins. We are very very precious to God, and when we get far away from Him, or seem lost– God, like the lady, doesn't stop looking for us until we are found again.

Pray:

"Thank you God that you love us all so much. Thank you that each and every one of us is precious to you. Thank you that you want us all to be close to you and that you will never give up looking for us. Amen"

Worship song: 'We are your children' Bring it all to me, Fischy Music

