



27th March 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Lost and found

SHARE

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Share about a time when someone forgave you. How did you feel?

2

Jesus told a parable about a prodigal son. How do you think the son felt when his father welcomed him back?

3

In what ways is God like the forgiving father?

Devotions

READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 15:1-3,11b-32	Parable of the forgiving father
M	Joshua 5: 9-12	Roll away the shame of slavery
T	2 Cor 5: 16-21	We are God's ambassadors
W	Genesis 45:25 - 46:30	Jacob sees his son Joseph again
T	Luke 15:1-7	The parable of the lost sheep
F	Romans 5:6-11	Reconciled to God
S	Psalm 32	I confess all my sins
S	John 12:1-8	Mary anoints Jesus at Bethany

TALK Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving us and forgiving us. We rejoice because of you. Amen.

BLESS

(Name)
celebrate your
new life in
Jesus.

Lent

Lent is a time when we re-orientate our lives towards God. We follow Jesus in his journey towards the cross. PURPLE is the colour for Lent and represents the royalty of Jesus and the call to turn back to God.

Creative Response

As part of your home devotion times this week, read the *Parable of the Prodigal Son* (or the *Forgiving Father*) from a Bible or Bible storybook (if you have younger children you may wish to act it out using finger puppets and simple props).

Discuss the feelings and responses of each of the main characters (younger son, father, older son) in the parable.

Ask:

"What is Jesus trying to say to us through this character?"

mealtime prayer

Father in heaven, you give us so much that we don't deserve. Please give us one more thing: thankful hearts! Amen.

verse for the week

"For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

LUKE 15: 24

Service

When the younger son returned home his father held a feast to welcome him back.

Do you have a tradition of offering hospitality to others in your home? Is it something you can think about trying?

Has your street ever done a street party and shared a meal? Is it something you could try?