

Week 1 - LOST AND FOUND



September 27th/28th

# OVERVIEW

## Shine Your Light

<b>Theme:</b>	Shine Your Light!
<b>Story:</b>	The Prodigal Son - Luke 15:11-24
<b>Key Question:</b>	What's my mission from God?
<b>Bottom Line:</b>	To Shine My Light!
<b>Mission:</b>	Jesus wants me to shine my light by asking Him to be my friend forever!
<b>Coloring Page:</b>	Jesus tells about a patient father.
<b>Music:</b>	This Little Light of Mine Give Your Heart to Jesus Superhero
<b>Bible Story:</b>	God's Story for Me Bible The Loving Father Pages 382 to 387
<b>Story Time:</b>	How Do I Love You by P.K. Hallinan
<b>Service Time:</b>	75 minutes

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CRAFT

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## Craft: Party Hats

**Mission Supplies:** Party Hats and stickers

### Mission Details:

Give each child a “Party Hat” to decorate with stickers.

### Your Assignment:

Explain to the children that we are going to have a party. Ask them what are some of their favorite things about parties (noise makers, balloons, piñatas)? Tell them that we are going to decorate our party hats at our party.

At the end of the activity, ask the children why the father in our lesson threw a party? Explain that God throws a party every time someone chooses to be His friend forever. **What is our mission from God? (Pause) To Shine My Light by asking Jesus to be my friend forever!**

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EXTRA CRAFT -  
SN/Clubhouse

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## Prodigal Son Parable Wheel

**What You Need:** Prodigal Son Parable Wheel and Crayons and/or Markers

**What You Do:**

Let the children have fun coloring the “Prodigal Son Parable Wheel.”

**What You Say:**

Talk about the boy in our lesson. How he was sad and missed his home, but he had made some bad choices and was afraid his dad would be mad at him. Tell the children, he decided to go home anyway and his dad was SO happy that his son had come back. He still loved his son even though he had made bad choices.

At the end of the activity, ask the children why the father in our lesson threw a party? Explain that God throws a party every time someone chooses to be His friend forever. **What is our mission from God?** *(Pause)* **To Shine My Light by asking Jesus to be my friend forever!**

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# MISSION 1

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### Mission 1: We're Having a Freeze Dance Party

#### Mission Supplies:

CD Player, fun music and party hats (*write names on each child's hat so you can easily identify them.*)

#### Mission Details:

Play fun music and lead the children in a time of dancing and being silly. The children should continue dancing as long as the music is playing. Once the music stops, the children should immediately stop dancing and freeze. Children should start dancing again when the music restarts.

#### Your Assignment:

Explain to the children that we are going to have a dance party. Ask them what are some of their favorite things about parties (noise makers, balloons, piñatas)? Tell them that we are going to wear party hats, play fun music and dance at our party. Let them know that they can dance as long as the music is playing but when the music stops, they have to stop dancing and freeze until the music starts again.

At the end of the game, ask the children why the father in our lesson threw a party? Explain that God throws a party every time someone chooses to be His friend forever.

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## MISSION 2

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### Mission 2: Hungry, Hungry, Piggy

#### Mission Supplies:

Light pink poster board, scissors, tape and beanbags.

#### Mission Details:

Make two pig faces out of light pink poster board (try to make the pigs' mouths extra large). Tape the pig faces onto the floor. Divide the children into two groups and line them up several feet away from the pig faces. Give the first child in each line three beanbags. Have the children try to toss the beanbags onto the pigs' mouths. Once the three beanbags have been tossed, have the children collect the beanbags and give them to the next child in line.

#### Your Assignment:

Explain to the children that we are going to play a fun game where we pretend to feed pigs. Tell them that everyone will get a chance to throw three beanbags (pig food) onto the pig's mouth. Talk about how pigs in real life are not fun, but instead are messy and smelly. Ask the children about the pigs in our story. Why did the boy take a job feeding pigs (he was hungry and ran out of money)?

At the end of the activity, explain that God is like the dad in our lesson and throws a party when someone decides to be his friend forever. **What is our mission from God?** *(Pause)* **To Shine My Light by asking Jesus to be my friend forever!**

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## MISSION 3

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### Mission 3: Calling All Super Heroes!

#### Mission Supplies:

Four yellow poster boards, scissors, and masking tape.

#### Mission Details:

Cut out four large yellow circles out of poster board. Tape the circles in a row on the floor. The children will take turns jumping from yellow circle (searchlight) to yellow circle (searchlight). As they jump on each circle, they will say one part of the memory verse (for younger children, you will need to say the memory verse for them as they jump or change the words below to: "I", "Can", "Shine", "My Light").

1<sup>st</sup> light: "You are the light"

2<sup>nd</sup> light: "of the world"

3<sup>rd</sup> light: "let your light shine"

4<sup>th</sup> light: "in front of others"

#### Your Assignment:

Explain how superheroes use searchlights as a way for others to call them when help is needed. Tell them that we are going to pretend to be superheroes and jump from light to light while saying our memory verse. At the end of the activity, ask them what it means to shine your light. Explain to the children that we shine our light when we; ask Jesus to be our friend forever, are friends with everyone, love God and one another, and tell others about Him. **What is our mission from God? (Pause) To Shine My Light by asking Jesus to be my friend forever!**

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MISSION 4 - 2's/3's/4's

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## Mission 4: Lost and Found

**Mission Supplies:** Small Duck Super Heroes

### Mission Details:

Play a game of hide and seek. Hide the small duck super heroes and have the children find them.

### Your Assignment:

Explain that we are going to play a fun game of hide and seek. Tell the children to close their eyes while you hide all of our superhero ducks. Remind them of the boy in our lesson that was lost. Ask them how it would feel to be lost? And found?

At the end of the activity, ask them what the father did when he saw his son coming home? Explain that God is like the dad in our lesson and throws a party when someone decides to be his friend forever.

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MISSION 4 - Clubhouse

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### **Mission 4: Lost and Found**

**Mission Supplies:** Small Duck Super Heroes

#### **Mission Details:**

Have the children sit in a circle. Select one child to be the superhero leader. The superhero leader sits in the center of the circle with his eyes closed. Have the other children put their hands behind their backs. The teacher walks around the outside of the circle and secretly places the superhero duck in the hands of one of the children. Once the duck is hidden, the superhero leader in the circle has 3 chances to guess who has the duck behind his back. The child who has the duck goes to the center of the circle and closes his eyes and is now the new superhero leader. The teacher then walks around the outside of the circle and places the duck again in the hands of one of the children.

#### **Your Assignment:**

Explain that we are going to play a fun game of hide and seek. Tell the children that the superhero leader has to find all of his lost superhero duck friends. Remind them of the boy in our lesson that was lost. Ask them how it would feel to be lost? And found?

At the end of the activity, ask them what the father did when he saw his son coming home? Explain that God is like the dad in our lesson and throws a party when someone decides to be his friend forever. **What is our mission from God? (Pause)**  
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MISSION 5 - 2's/3's

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## Mission 5: Superhero Training

### Mission Supplies:

Superhero Ducks

### Mission Details:

Give each child a superhero duck and show them how to balance it on their heads. Next, challenge them to keep it balanced while trying to do the movements you lead them in such as: stand like a statue, stand on one foot, take one step forward, take one step backwards, turn in a circle, etc. Continue as long as there's interest.

### Your Assignment:

Ask the children what are some things you know about Superheroes? (they go on missions, there is a way to find them, they are super strong, if they don't help...people might get hurt, etc). Tell them that we are going to be superheroes for the next few weeks and we have to do some "Superhero Training" in order to successfully complete our superhero missions. Explain that we are going to play a game where we use our muscles to help keep our duck friends safe just like how a superhero keeps everyone safe. Have the children complete a series of challenges while trying to balance the ducks on their heads.

At the end of the activity, ask them if they remember what our mission from week 1 is? Tell the children that our mission is to Shine our Light. Explain that we shine our light when we; ask Jesus to be our friend forever. **What is our mission from God? (Pause) To Shine My Light by asking Jesus to be my friend forever!**

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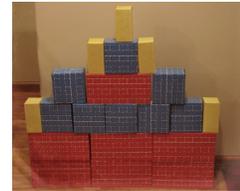
MISSION 5 - 4's

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## Mission 5: Superhero Training

### Mission Supplies:

Red cardboard bricks and Superhero Balls



### Mission Details:

Arrange the cardboard bricks into a building shape and let the children knock down the city walls with their superhero strength. Continue as long as there's interest.

### Your Assignment:

Ask the children what are some things you know about Superheroes? (they go on missions, there is a way to find them, they are super strong, if they don't help...people might get hurt, etc). Tell them that we are going to be superheroes for the next few weeks and we have to do some "Superhero Training" in order to successfully complete our superhero missions. Explain that we are going to play a game where we use our muscles to knock down an abandoned building.

At the end of the activity, ask them if they remember what our mission from week 1 is? Tell the children that our mission is to Shine our Light. Explain that we shine our light when we; ask Jesus to be our friend forever. **What is our mission from God? (Pause) To Shine My Light by asking Jesus to be my friend forever!**

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MISSION 5 - Clubhouse

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### **Mission 5: Superhero Training**

#### **Mission Supplies:**

Red cups, superhero symbols, superhero ducks and foam cord board

#### **Mission Details:**

Glue superhero symbols inside several cups, Attach all of the cups onto the board. Children will take turns trying to toss the ducks into the cups with the superhero symbols.

#### **Your Assignment:**

Ask the children what are some things you know about Superheroes? (they go on missions, there is a way to find them, they are super strong, if they don't help...people might get hurt, etc). Tell them that we are going to be superheroes for the next few weeks and we have to do some "Superhero Training" in order to successfully complete our superhero missions. Explain that we are going to play a game where we use our muscles to get our superhero friends home safe.

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