

Treasure Cove Ride Home Review

A family discussion guide for the ride home and all week long

Open Invitation

November 8, 2015

Luke 16:22b-23 – After the servant had done this, he reported, 'There is still room for more.' So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.'

1 Casting off – Ahoy Treasure Cove families!

Today in Treasure Cove we learned how God treats two types of lost people; those who don't know Him and those that know Him but have sinned and turned away from Him. We also learned how Jesus wants us to treat lost people.

In Luke 14:15-24, we read a parable about a great feast. The master who holds the banquet invites everyone to come, including people from all levels of society and those who don't know him yet. This parable illustrates how God invites everyone to join Him and follow His son Jesus, not just those who already follow Him.

In Luke 15, Jesus' parables show us how important seeking and finding lost people is to God. In the story of the lost sheep, we learn that the shepherd had 99 other sheep, but that didn't stop him from seeking the one lost sheep or rejoicing when he found it. Jesus is the good shepherd and he continues to seek lost people and rejoice each time one is found and brought into his flock. In the story of the Prodigal Son, we learn how God treats those who return after turning away and following their own path. Our Father rejoices and invites them right back to the celebration banquet!

When we choose to follow Jesus, we become children of God; we are invited into the flock and have a place at the banquet. And we get to show our love for God by following Him and loving the people around us.

We show love to others by including them, not excluding people from His flock or His banquet regardless of who they are, what they have, or even how they behave. We show that we love God by seeking lost people and inviting them to join us in receiving and celebrating the greatest gift of all—salvation through Jesus Christ.

#2 Review- The castaways know it's never too late to turn your life around and follow Jesus! What is wrong with the Professor? (He is dying because he isn't getting any food.)

Where might the Professor be able to get the food he needs? (He could get the nourishment he needs at the celebration banquet.)

Who else is invited to the Celebration Banquet? (Everyone is invited to the banquet, even pirates.) Why is Mrs. Stifleman afraid to prepare the recipe that might save the Professor? (She is thinking about her past failure and doesn't have the courage to try again.)

What happens when everyone works together to save the Professor? (He is restored to his full size and everyone prepares to celebrate together.)

#3 Talk about it!

What does it feel like to be excluded from a group or special activity?

How does it feel when you find something you thought you'd lost?

Who does Jesus want you be kind to this week and what can you do to show them God's love?

#4 Get directions from God's Word every day!
Hey kids, look up and read each day's scripture passage. Ask your parents to sign their name and write in their phone number confirming you read the week's verses. Put your name on your paper and turn it in next Sunday. Pastor Marcus will schedule a time to meet with you to hear about what you read and shares some ice cream with you!

☐Monday Luke 14:16-24
☐Tuesday Luke 15:1-7
☐Wednesday Luke 15:8-10
☐Thursday Luke 15:11-21
☐Friday Luke 15:22-32
☐Saturday Isaiah 65:5