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Episode 1- The Lost Sheep

Theme verse: Luke 15:1-7

Total time: 45 minutes

Supplies: Paper, pens, Bibles, index cards

Objective: To help girls understand that God's grace and mercy doesn't always seem fair, but it's always good and powerful.

Large Group Discussion (5 min)

Discuss the following questions as a group before starting the video:

What is a Parable?

What do you know about Parables?

Why do you think Jesus chose to teach in Parables rather than just telling people what to do?

Begin video

Pause at 3:17: Turn and Talk (5-8 min)

Turn to the person beside you and talk about a time when you felt that a decision was made by an adult in your life that didn't feel fair. (a teacher giving an extension to one student and not the other, a parent being too easy on a sibling when they broke the rules, etc.)

Give 2-3 min for partner discussion and then give a few minutes for several girls to share their experiences/thoughts with the group.

Large Group discussion (5-10 min)

-Discuss the following question as a group:

-Why does it bother us some of us so much when people are given grace and second chances, when the don't deserve it?

-What about when that grace is shown to us? Does it feel fair then? Why or why not?

Continue video to the end

Dig a Little Deeper (10-15 min)

Have girls divide up into groups of 3-4 and look up the following verses on the topic of grace. Ask each group to look up their verse and pay attention to what it says about whether or not grace is fair. Also, how does the verse you looked up relate to the story of the lost sheep?

2 Corinthians 8:9

Ephesians 2:4-7

Ephesians 3:7-10

2 Timothy 1:9-10

After about 5-10 minutes, have each group share what they learned about the "fairness" of grace from the verse they looked up and how it related to the Parable of the Lost Sheep.

Take Action (5 min)

Hand out index cards and markers to each group. Have them write the words "Unfair Grace" on one side and one of the verses they looked up on the other.

Challenge them with this:

Put this card somewhere you will see it everyday. This week, look for opportunities to show "unfair grace", to both yourself and the people around you.

Declarations (2 min)

Stand together and speak these truths out loud. Have fun with it!

"Grace is a gift."

"I'm glad grace isn't fair."

"I show myself and others unfair grace."