LEADER GUIDE

DATE: April 17, 2024 SERIES: Let's Party! TOPIC: The Lost Has Been Found!

PUWERLIFE

OVERVIEW: Learn & Review the parable of the LOST Sheep! Some students might be familiar with this parable. Others, maybe not... but no matter what, this story is worth diving into our Bibles to discover (or re-discover) just how much God love's us. AND, how far he is willing to go for anyone who might "get lost" along the way...

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **OPEN YOUR BIBLE:** Have someone find and read **LUKE 15:3-7** aloud.
- $\circ~$ OR, have all students find and read this verse (silently) on their own.
 - **QUESTION: Have you (or your family) ever been lost before?** (What happened?!)
 - **Tell your story!** What happened? Was it Scary? Funny? Weird?
 - **QUESTION: What is Jesus trying to teach us in this story?** (let everyone share)
 - NOTE: There is joy in heaven (a big party!) whenever the lost is found!
 - Share about a time when you experienced SO much JOY!
 - QUESTION: Why do you suppose Heaven is so full of joy over ONE person?
 - Who is someone you know that doesn't currently go to church?
 - \circ $\,$ You don't have to name any names but pray about inviting them!
 - All you have to say is "Come & See!" or "Come with Me!"
- Spend your initial time together reviewing this Parable, and then (in case you missed this a couple weeks ago) please devote time to having each student step out into the hallway to demonstrate their memorization of these two important Bible Verses (PHILIPPIANS 4:13 & 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13).
- **SHARE HIGHLIGHTS from this week!** (What's been exciting!? What's been a struggle?)
- **O** QUESTION: What's been the most memorable experience this year at PowerLife?
- **PICK A TOPIC:** Open your Bibles to the "Master Index" or "Where to turn?" pages in back.
 - Green Bibles (page 1601) Red Bibles (page 1284) Pick a topic, assign each student a reading in that section, have a discussion. Who wrote this? When? What do we learn?

PRAY TO END THE NIGHT!

- REMINDER: next Wednesday (APRIL 24) is our <u>FINAL NIGHT</u> of PowerLife this year!
 - Everyone is encouraged to bring snacks/treats/drinks to share with friends!
 - NOTE: save these treats for small group time! (NOT in the Bridge)
- o 8th Grade students will meet on Wednesday, May 1 for Faith Statement Night!
- Wednesday, June 5th is our SUMMER BASH (party in the parking lot!) Bring a friend!!