



## Week of Sept 17 - a

### Scripture: Mt 18:7-9

**Main Idea:** Jesus warns us about the dangers of sin. Temptation leads to sin. And sin is so bad and causes so much harm, even eternal death, that Jesus warns us to beware of being tempted. The message from Jesus about sin is clear. If something in your life is causing you to sin, get rid of it.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** If something, in your life, is causing you to make sad choices should you keep that “something” in your life? What did Jesus say to do?

**Grade school:** Do you ever do wrong? Do you cheat on a test? Do you ever lie to your parents? Are you mean to someone at school? If you are doing anything that you know is wrong, you should do everything you can, to stop. Doing the “right” thing, is that important to God.

**Teen:** How do you guard against temptation? Are there things in your life that you need to get rid of?

**Adult:** One definition of stumbling block says something that causes difficulty or hesitation. Have you ever thought that hesitation may lead to sin? Most of us probably think of sin as things we have done, not things that we hesitated to do. Have you known someone who hesitated to follow Jesus? What held them back? Was it giving up something they really liked? Where in your life do you need to clean house? And what can you put in its place to make your Christian walk stronger?

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

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PRAY: For God to help us remember how dangerous sin is.

#### September Memory Verse:

Romans 5:8 (ESV)

8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



## Week of Sept 17 - b

### Scripture: Mt 18:10-14

**Main Idea:** Jesus teaches us how much God loves every single human soul that he has created. Like a shepherd who would leave 99 sheep to find one that is lost, God is seeking every lost person.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** Who does God love? You? Me? Does God even love people who do bad things? Like robbers and thieves? God wants them all to be saved, live right and be with him in heaven one day.

**Grade school:** How many kids your age do you know? Do you live your life outside of church so that they might want to come to church some day? Do you ever invite friends from your school / club / sports team / neighborhood to church? God wants everyone to know how to get to heaven.

**Teen:** Do all souls have value to God? Does anything lessen the value to God? How does God feel when the lost are found?

**Adult:** Do you think about God as a father? Not just saying in prayer "Father in Heaven" but thinking about fatherly things and comparing it to what God does for us? How could God sacrifice his Son, knowing the love parents have for their children? His love for each one of us is so great that He was willing to let one son suffer, so that he could adopt the rest of us. Whether you have/had a wonderful earthly father or not, you have a heavenly father who loves you perfectly.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

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**PRAY:** For God to help us care about everyone who is lost, as he does.

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