MAIN POINT
Finding the Lost Sheep.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS
Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. (Luke 15:4-5)

AIDS
A simple jigsaw puzzle with one piece missing (have it in your pocket or hidden somewhere in the church).

ADDRESS
I have a jigsaw puzzle. I love puzzles. This one is a picture of (describe). What is wrong with the jigsaw puzzle? What should we do?
Look for the missing piece until it is found. Let one of the children put the missing piece in place.

That’s better. That’s the way a puzzle was meant to be. That feels and looks better now doesn’t it? Jesus wants everyone to belong to him. He loves everyone and wants everyone to be safe. When people go away from Jesus they are like the missing jigsaw piece. But Jesus never gives up searching for lost people. It makes Jesus very happy to find the lost people. Jesus doesn’t want even one piece missing from his jigsaw.

PRAYER
Lord Jesus, thank you for looking for us when we are lost and for carrying us home. Amen.

You may wish to hand out Growing Faith at Home or another resource before the children return to their seats.