

Leader Guide

LOVE TV: Day 2



Day Theme: God's love pursues us.

Bible Story Passage: The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

Materials to Prepare:

- Bible (bookmarked at Luke 15:11-32 & 19:10)
- Computer, laptop, electronic tablet, or other device that can access a PDF and its interactive links to YouTube videos
- (optional) Copies of the memory verse (see p. 5 of the Leader Guide) from Luke 19:10--"For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost."

Welcome to LOVE TV

Leader Says: Welcome back to LOVE TV! Whew! Yesterday sure was a momentous day at the television station. Now only did our favorite news anchor, Oscar Oddfellow, retire, but it was the first day of Sweeps Week! Remember, Sweeps Week is one of the most important weeks of the year for television stations because it tells them if people are watching their programs. You did a fine job yesterday in your brand new job as Associate Producer of LOVE TV, but it's not over yet. Today you will again help the LOVE TV team select the best shows for the station to help make it the #1 station in town!

PDF 1 (Office)

Leader shows PDF 1 (Office) and points to characters

Leader Says: The day started off typical of Sweeps Week at LOVE TV. People were bustling about, finding the best news stories, the most exciting television programs, and the coolest commercials to air. Just as Station Manager **Noah Scuse** (*far left*) and Executive Producer **Mike Morrow** (*center*) met to discuss the day's programming, in walked a very familiar face--**Lou Viewfinder** (*right*). Lou worked for LOVE TV as the station's head cameraman for two years, but three months ago, he quit his job and went to work at a

rival news station because they promised him a fancy camera, his own office, a big paycheck. His friends and coworkers were very sad when Lou left, but they didn't argue with him because he had to make his own choices.


Lou stood in front of his former bosses, nervous to see them again, but he needed to ask them a very important question. The cameraman cleared his throat and said, "I'm sorry I quit my job here. I was hoping you would hire me again, even if it's just as a beginning cameraman who has to work the night shift."

Noah and Mike stared at Lou, but before they could reply, Mike looked at the clock and sent a quick message to his new Associate Producer--*you*--to choose and air a television show when the newscast ended.



Leader reads the options to students. Allow students to come to a consensus, and select the icon on PDF 1 that is pictured beside the option in your guide. If students' votes are split and you have time, watch both!

☐ Dirk Digger: Private Investigator (Episode 2) 

☐ Bill Mellow the Science Fellow (Episode 2) 

After the episode, show the students your own Bible and have them help you locate Luke 15:11-32 in the New Testament.

Leader Says: Great work! That episode was another good one. Well, while you were watching the show, Lou waited to hear what his former bosses would say to him. Mike had an angry and frustrated expression on his face, but Noah sat there and rubbed his chin because he was deep in thought.

"You left us high and dry, Lou!" burst Mike, clearly upset with the cameraman. "We treated you so well the entire time you worked for us, you received pay raises and promotions, and everyone here really cared about you."

Lou hung his head, sad that he had disappointed them, but Noah cleared his throat and spoke in a calm, kind voice, "Mike, before we make such an important decision, have that new Associate Producer roll another one of those great stories by the most powerful storyteller of all times--Jesus, the son of God. Maybe we can learn something that will help us from the parable in Luke 15:11-32, The Prodigal Son."

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☐ Cartoon Bible Story (Episode 2)



☐ Reimagined Live-Action Bible Story (Episode 2)



Leader Asks: (Allow students time to respond before moving to the next question.)

1. What is an inheritance?
2. Is there something you want to inherit one day?
3. What did the younger son do with his inheritance?
4. What happened when he ran out of his inheritance and had nothing?
5. What did the younger son ask his father?
6. What did his father reply to him?

Leader Says: Great job, everyone! Now that you finished playing the Bible Story show, let's go back to check in on Noah, Mike, and Lou.

The men thought about the powerful message that Jesus told, and Lou explained that even though he enjoyed the fancy camera, the private office, and the big paycheck, he realized that the people who worked at the other station didn't seem to care about God or him at all.

"I'd rather work here as a beginning cameraman on the nightshift than work at the other station a moment longer," Lou said, his head hanging low.

Noah chuckled and stood, moving around his desk to grasp Lou's shoulders. "Of course we want our Head Cameraman back, Lou! We're happy to have you. You can have your old job back and the same day shift as before. Welcome home! Now, let's tell the others about the good news."

Lou and Noah walked out of the room together, and Mike sighed, shrugging his shoulders and pulling out his phone. He texted a message to you to go to a commercial break.

Leader selects the icon on PDF 1 that is pictured beside the option in your guide.

☐ Memory Verse Commercial 2



After the commercial, review the memory verse with students.

"For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost."—Luke 19:10

PDF 2 (Break Room)



Leader shows PDF 2 (Break Room)

Leader Says: (point to each character mentioned) Back in the Break Room, Noah told the other LOVE TV employees that Lou was back, and everyone cheered with excitement, even the elderly station secretary, **Ethel Fabacher**.



Leader Says: They were so excited that Lou had returned to LOVE TV, that they decided to throw a party! However,

Mike was not happy about the party and sulked in the hallway. Eventually, Noah left the party to talk to the Executive Producer.

"It isn't fair to throw a party for Lou! He deserted us when we needed him, and we all stayed behind and worked extra hard because he left!" grumbled Mike, crossing his arms in anger.

Noah shook his head and replied kindly, "I know all of the hard work that you and the others did, Mike, and I appreciate it. You received bonuses for the extra effort you put in, and I will always remember that. But we all love Lou and want him back. We missed him. Let's show him how much we care about him and how excited we are that he has returned."

Mike sighed and nodded, just as his alarm went off, and he realized it was time to start another program and sent a message to the new Associate Producer to play the other version of the Bible story.

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☐ Cartoon Bible Story (Episode 2)



☐ Reimagined Live-Action Bible Story (Episode 2)



Leader Says: *(Allow students time to respond before moving on.)*

Now that we have watched *two* episodes depicting the Bible story, I have some challenging questions for you.

1. Who do you think the father in the parable represents? (*God*)
2. What is the big message that Jesus was telling with this story? (*God loves us and will pursue us. He will accept us when we return to him.*)

Leader Says: As the Bible Story episode aired, everyone in the Break Room became quiet and watched it on the television, and soon Noah and Mike joined them. When it was over, Lou turned to his friends and smiled at them.

"You know, I need to admit to you guys that even though I was miserable at the other station, I might not have asked to work here again if it weren't for Ethel," Lou confided.

Everyone turned to look at the older lady who grinned and laughed before admitting, "I called Lou last week and told him that we all missed him something fierce!" The others agreed, and Lou pulled up his Bible app on his phone and scrolled.

"Ethel's phone call was just what I needed," Lou said, "and it made me think of this verse in Luke 19:10. 'For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.' God's love seeks us, just like Ethel sought me out, and when I returned, you all welcomed me home with joy, just as the Father in the Bible story and God does when we follow him. Thank you all for showing me God's love, guys."

Ethel hugged the young man, and more than one person called out to Lou that they were glad he was back. As the group celebrates their friend's return, play the game show to end the second day of Sweeps Week!

Leader selects the icon on PDF 2 that is pictured beside the option in your guide. Instruct students to follow the directions that the leader on the video gives.

☐ Game Show (Episode 2)



After the Game Show, review the following details with students. (Optional) Give students copies of the memory verse to study on their own.


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Memory Verse: "For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost."—Luke 19:10

Leader closes the lesson in prayer


OPTIONAL: Print and cut out copies of the daily memory verse to give to students.




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