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TOY STORY 4 FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

"We gotta get Forky!"

When Forky becomes a lost toy, Woody immediately jumps out of the RV to find him. In the end, Woody and Bo help Gabby Gabby comfort a lost girl.

Read Luke 15:3-7.

When we are far from God, God isn't mad at us or forget about us. He is looking for us just like the shepherd looks for his sheep. Just like Woody looked for Forky!

Talk about how much God loves us and how we should want to stay close to Him.

Family Activity: Have your child collect all their favorite stuffed animals and put into one big pile. Then have them pick their favorite one. Hide it somewhere in the house. Then, let your child try to find it. When they do, talk about how it feels to find the lost animal. That's a small picture of how God feels when we turn to Him!

Book Suggestions: Found by Sally Lloyd Jones, The Lost and Found Lamb by Tracy Harrast

"What would Woody do?" "Jump out of a moving vehicle..."

Throughout the movie we see the toys giving up their own desires for others. The toys do this for Bonnie and other kids all the time. Woody gives up his voice box for Gabby Gabby. Woody and Bo continue to do this at the end of the movie (and beyond) as they try to match up kids with toys.

Read Philippians 2:3-4

Talk about how the toys in the movie put other people first. Then talk about how we can put others first in our own lives.

Family activity: Let everyone make a list of the people they come in contact with every day. Then write their own name at the bottom of the list as a reminder to put everyone else first. Add the verse and then display in a place you'll see it every day.

"I was made for soup, salad. Maybe chili. And then, the trash!"

At first, Forky doesn't want to be a toy. He believes he's trash. He sleeps in the trash can and tries to get there as often as possible. But Woody won't allow him to be thrown away (even when those around him think he should), he continues to talk to Forky until Forky realizes his purpose of being a toy.

There's even a song that says something like, "I won't let you throw yourself away." Sometimes, it's easy to feel useless and worthless.

Read any or all of the following:

Psalm 139:13-14 Talk about how God made us each in an amazing way.

<u>2 Corinthians 5:17</u> Talk about how we are new creations in Christ--the trash of sin is gone!

<u>Philippians 1:4-6</u> Talk about how God will continue to work good in our lives, not let us stay in our sin or past.

Family Activity: Make your own Forky family with plastic utensils, wiggly eyes and pipe cleaners. Keep them on your kitchen table to remind everyone that God made us special treasures, not trash!