

02 Looking for the Lost

- PUPPETS: Arpee and Smukey
- PROPS: Light on top stage. Flashlight (Money)
- GOAL: To show that you need have no fear with the Lord to look for the lost.
Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?
2 Samuel 22:29-30 You are my lamp, O Lord; the Lord turns my darkness into light. [30] With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.
- Smukey: *(Looking for something in the top area where it is light)*
- Arpee: *(Enters humming tune of the Lord is my light)* Oh, Hi there, Smukey, What are you doing?
- Smukey: I am looking for some money I dropped
- Arpee: I have some time. Maybe I can help you find it.
- Smukey: Okay. I could use some help; I've been here for hours. *(Search around the puppet stage for a while, all the time Arpee is humming.)*
- Arpee: Did you say you have been searching for hours and haven't found your money yet?
- Smukey: Yes.
- Arpee: Well, we have looked everywhere I can think and some places I can't think. And still no money. Are you sure you **lost** your money?
- Smukey: Oh, I lost it all right.
- Arpee: Well think it through, what were you doing when you lost it?
- Smukey: Well I was walking past the shop down the hill there when I thought I would go and get a bottle of water. I put my hand in my pocket and it slipped out of my hand and I heard it go clink and ..
- Arpee: But... but.. I don't get it.. The shop is way down the street from here.
- Smukey: Yeah, so what?
- Arpee: Well, what are you looking for your money up here for?
- Smukey: There's a light here to see with.

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- Arpee: But your money must be down there.
- Smukey: I know. But I don't like the dark anymore. You never know what or who might be lurking out there and I'm afraid.
- Arpee: But don't you have a flashlight?
- Smukey: Yes, but I'm still scared. And, you never know what the light may attract. There are scarier things than moths you know.
- Arpee: That's true Smukey - but you have to look for lost things where lost things are.
- Smukey: What do you mean, Arpee?
- Arpee: The purpose of the flashlight is to shed light in dark places anywhere you happen to be. Then you won't need to be afraid.
- Smukey: So you think I should go over there (draw it out like scared) with my flashlight on?
- Arpee: Of course. Think about this. If you shine your light where lost things are, you are bound to find lost things. If you stay in the comfort of bright lights, you'll never find lost things. Come on, where's your flashlight - let's go look down there!
- Smukey: Okay!
- Arpee: *(Humming loudly)*
- Arpee & Smukey: *(They exit and come up together in the lower area.)*
- Arpee: *(Shining flashlight all around and humming still)*
- Smukey: Oh look – there's my money. Oh goody, goody goody – I found my money...
- Arpee: Where lost things are..
- Smukey: Hmm..... I guess this isn't just about finding money is it? I guess it's also about helping to find lost things and about me not being afraid? How come you don't ever seem to be afraid? And what's with all that humming you've been doing? What song is it, anyway?

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- Arpee: Boy, (*chuckles*) your brain's working overtime now, Smukey!
Well, firstly you're right – we can help find lost things by looking where lost things are.
- Smukey: Mmm..like my money
- Arpee: Yep! Secondly, you don't have to be afraid because you have a light.
- Smukey: But you didn't have a light when you came – we used my flashlight.
- Arpee: Yes, I had a light – a greater light than a flashlight that keeps me from being afraid.
- Smukey: Er, how can you have a greater light that you can't see that keeps you from being afraid?
- Arpee: Well because this light is the greatest light that you can have - which brings me to your third question – What was I humming?
- Smukey: Well... how can your humming be a greater light?
- Arpee: Not my humming, but what I was humming about.
- Smukey: So.. what were you humming about?
- Arpee: Well the words go like this: (*Sings*)
The Lord is my light; then why should I fear?
By day and by night His presence is near;
He is my salvation from sorrow and sin;
This blessed persuasion the Spirit brings in.
The Lord is my light, my joy, and my song;
By day and by night He leads me along;
The Lord is my light, my joy, and my song;
By day and by night He leads me along.
- Smukey: Oh, boy – You mean that Jesus is the light?
- Arpee: That's exactly right and Jesus said he would never leave us nor forsake us, so we always have a light! Jesus is the light of the world!
- Smukey: So there's is no need to be afraid – not even when looking for lost things in the dark!

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Arpee: You've got that right. In fact David wrote about the Lord being our light a couple of times and he even said in 2 Samuel 22:29-30 that *You are my lamp, O Lord; the Lord turns my darkness into light. [30] With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can jump over a wall.*

Smukey: Wow! I'm learning so much about light this week. It seems as if the light has come into my world and I didn't know anything about it before.

Can you sing that song again? I really like it.

Arpee and *(Sings verse as they go off singing together)*

Smukey: The Lord is my light; then why should I fear?
By day and by night His presence is near;
He is my salvation from sorrow and sin;
This blessed persuasion the Spirit brings in.