



LOST COIN

BIG IDEA

All of God’s people are like the lost coin. Even though they are lost, they have value to the Lord God their Father. He seeks them diligently as He brings them to repentance and brings them home with rejoicing!

KEY VERSES

Luke 15:1-10

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 15:10

“In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE LESSON: INTERACTIVE

- Small coin

GAME

- 200 small constructions paper circles or other small round items to represent coins (real coins might not be appropriate in some locations)
- Rope or tape divide the play area

CRAFT

- Experience Mission provides scissors, hole punch, stapler, staples, & rulers.
- Felt circles 8 inches in diameter, one per child
- Yarn, stiff string or ribbon

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)
- Photocopies of Work Sheet (1 per child)





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BIBLE LESSON • INTERACTIVE

lesson 26

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1. Before the lesson starts, hide a small coin under a piece of furniture or the activity table.
2. Today we are going to learn a story called a Parable. Have you heard of a Parable? It is a story that our Lord Jesus Christ uses to teach us how He saves His people from their sins. In the story today He is using a lost coin.
3. The Bible tells us that one day there was a group of people gathered together to listen to the Lord Jesus Christ speak. In this group there were two types of people: one group was called the Pharisees and Scribes, and the others were called Publicans and Sinners. The Pharisees and Scribes were often joined together against the Lord Jesus. Oh, how they hated Him! They could not say anything good about our Lord Jesus. If they could find no fault with the things He did, then they complained about what He said. They even hated the people He kept company with!
4. On one occasion our Lord Jesus was keeping company with people who were known to be publicans and sinners. The Pharisees and Scribes got very offended. The Pharisees hated the publicans because they were friends of the Romans who ruled over them. They hated sinners because of their wicked lives. The Bible tells us: "The Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This Man receives sinners, and eats with them." Perhaps even to us the Pharisees' accusation seemed reasonable. After all, why would Jesus keep company with such wicked men?
5. Jesus answered their murmurings with some wonderful parables. You may remember that a parable was an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. It is a story that illustrates how the Lord Jesus Christ saves His people from their sins.
6. Our Lord Jesus told them a parable of a woman who had ten pieces of silver and lost one of them. Why did the Lord use the example of a silver coin? He knew the Pharisees would understand that a piece of silver, even though lost, had some value to it. What an illustration this was for the proud Pharisees and Scribes! Jesus our Lord was telling them that even among these "publicans and sinners," there were those who had great value to Him, because they were given to Him by His Father.
7. What good lessons for us, and how humbling! Can a lost piece of silver come and find you if it is lost? No. The lost piece of silver could never find its owner, and lost sinners can never find their way to God. This story is an illustration of how the Lord loves and cares for His lost people - just like this lost coin!
8. I want you all to stand with me and help me act out this story. In the story, the woman first lit a candle (act like you are lighting a candle and it spreads light throughout the room); second, she swept the house (act like you are sweeping with a broom); third, she sought diligently until she found what she was looking for (act like you are moving furniture, looking under things, sweeping with your broom and you find the coin where you hid it in the beginning of the lesson). How she rejoiced when she found the coin and called her friends and neighbors to



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rejoice with her! (act like you found the coin and you rejoiced to find it, and then invite them all to a party to celebrate the finding of the lost coin!)

9. Our Lord Jesus repeated the wonderful words: “Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents.” That means, just like we lit a candle and swept and looked for the lost coin, so our Lord does the same for his lost and sinful people. Even though they are sinful and lost, they are very valuable to our Lord God. Just like we had a party when we found our lost coin, our Lord tell us in the Bible that even the angels in heaven celebrate when a lost sinner is found and brought to repentance.

SIMPLIFIED LESSON OPTIONS

- *Tell the parable of the Lost Coin in simple story form or read from a children's bible.*
- *Present points 6-9 only.*



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CRAFT

• CRAFT •

OBJECTIVE: FELT COIN HOLDER

Keep coins safe in this cute little coin purse.

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, rulers, hole punches

DIRECTIONS

- Cut little slits around the perimeter of the circle about one inch apart
- Thread yarn (string or ribbon) in and out of the slits
- Tie big knots at the ends of the yarn (string or ribbon) so that it doesn't slip out
- Tug gently on both ends of the yarn to close the coin purse.

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Experience Mission provides scissors, hole punch, stapler, staples, & rulers.
- Felt circles 8 inches in diameter, one per child
- Yarn, stiff string or ribbon

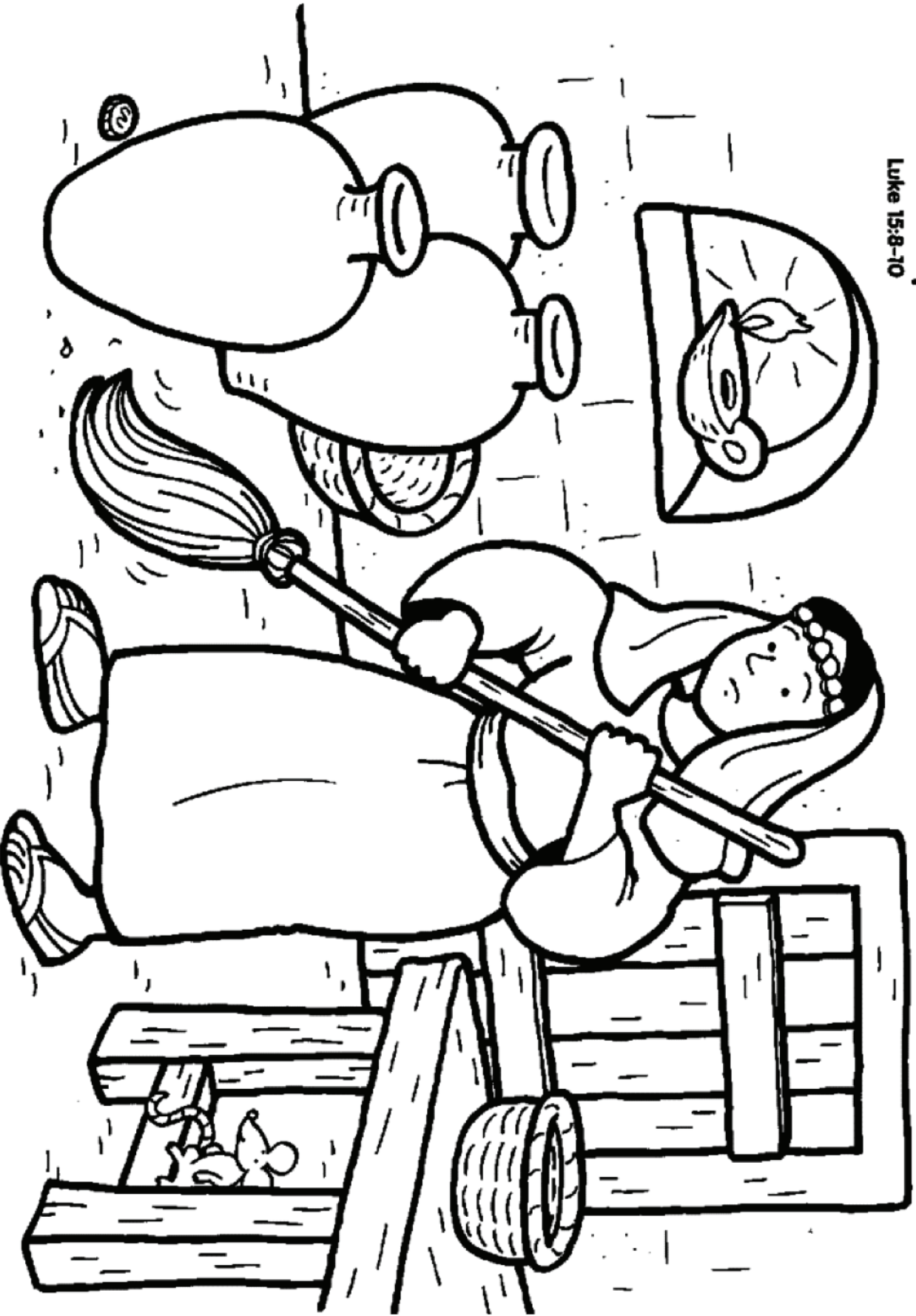
EXAMPLE



SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- *Pre-cut slits around the perimeter of the circles*
- *Roll a piece of tape around one end of the yarn to make a stiff "needle"*

Luke 15:8-10





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GAME

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OBJECTIVE: LOST COINS

Teams try to be the first to find all the hidden coins.

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- 200 small constructions paper circles or other small round items to represent coins (real coins might not be appropriate in some locations)
- Rope or tape divide the play area

INSTRUCTIONS

- Divide the group into two even teams
- Divide the play area in to two even spaces
- Give each team 100 “coins” to hide on their side of the play area
- At the same time teams switch sides and look for all 100 coins
- The first team to find all the coins wins

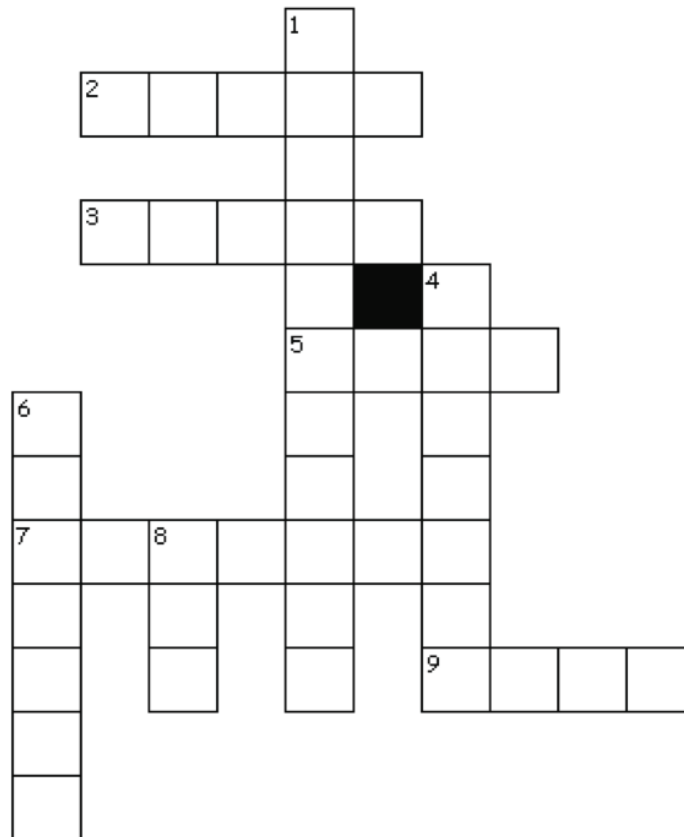
SIMPLIFIED GAME OPTIONS

- *Mission team members hide the “coins” and all the kids seek them.*
- *Divide large group into several smaller groups*





CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

2. All those _____ to Jesus Christ by God the Father shall be saved
3. Even though a silver coin is lost, is still has _____.
5. What object in the story is an illustration of the lost sinner?
7. And when she hath found it, she calls her friends and her neighbors together, saying, _____ with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.
9. The Lord will _____ His people until they are found.

DOWN

1. Who seeks the lost sinner and brings them home with rejoicing?
4. Jesus Christ came to seek lost _____?
6. A _____ is a story that our Lord Jesus Christ used to teach us how He saves His people from their sins
8. There is _____ in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents