

THE LOST COIN

Luke 15:8-10



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Jesus answered the criticism of the scribes and told them a parable.

Jesus explained, "A woman had ten silver coins and lost one of them. She was very upset. What was she going to do?"

The scribes listened carefully. Jesus continued, "Would she not light the lamp, sweep out the house and look in every corner until she found it?" The scribes nodded. They too would have done the same.

Jesus continued, "When the woman finds the coin, she called her friends and neighbours and said, 'Rejoice with me! I have found the coin that I lost.'"

Jesus said to the scribes, "In the same way there is joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The scribes were annoyed with Jesus because he spent time with tax collectors and sinners. He ate with them even though according to Jewish law, they were considered unclean.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress, a coin, various boxes, vessels, objects of a household....

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- Have you ever lost something precious? What did you do?
- How did you feel when you found it? (I was happy.)
- What does the woman tell her friends and neighbours?
' I have lost one of my silver coins. I looked everywhere until I found it. Rejoice with me.)
- When we wander away from Jesus, He is pleased when we repent and return to Him.
- What does Jesus explain with this parable?
(There is great joy when one sinner repents and returns to God.)

Have the children repeat...

- In heaven, there is joy over every sinner who returns to God.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Jesus came to find and help people who were sinners. He contacted those to rescue them.
- When He is successful, there is great joy over every sinner who repents.
- What may cause us to turn away from God? (Disappointment, other offers attract us more,...)
- If we repent, there is great joy in heaven.

<p style="text-align: center;">Repeat the Message God loves and cares for everyone.</p>
