

Virtual Sunday Club 28/02/21
The Lost Coin (Luke 15:1-3, 8-10)

Big Idea: Jesus told a parable about a woman searching for a lost coin to teach that God cares about sinners and longs for them to be saved.

Aim: To teach that God cares about every sinner and rejoices when they repent.

Memory Verse - Luke 15:7 (NIV)

"I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

Discussion Questions:

1. What had the woman lost? *A coin*
2. What did she do when she realised it was lost? *Cleaned her whole house and searched until she found it*
3. What did she do when she found it? *Celebrated with her friends and neighbours*
4. What does this story tell us about God? *He searches for 'lost' people (sinners) and is happy whenever someone is 'found' (becomes a Christian)*

For older children:

5. Who was Jesus telling this parable to? *Pharisees and teachers of the law*
6. Did they care about sinners? Why/why not? *No; they thought they were worthless and didn't want to have anything to do with them because they didn't live like God wanted them to*
7. How is God's attitude to sinners (which is all of us!) different? *He cares about us, because he made us; he doesn't forget about the fact that we don't live like he wants us to, but he does something about it...*
8. How has God shown how much he cares about sinners? *See Luke 19:10 - he sent Jesus to take the punishment we deserve so we can be 'found' by putting our trust in him*
9. What kind of attitude do you have towards people who don't know Jesus yet? Do you care about them like God does? How can you show that you care? *We should put the same value on people that God does, loving them like he does; the best way to show someone how much we love them is to tell them about Jesus and how they can be friends with God!*

Activity - Coin Purse

- Print the following page - you will also need a short length of string or wool
- Cut along the bold line at the top of the purse using a craft knife
- Fold the page in half and cut along the line as marked
- Colour in the purse and coin
- Put glue along the open edges of the page with the purse and stick it together to make a pocket
- Glue one end of the string to the back of the coin; fold the strip of paper to make the coin double-sided and cut around the coin, being careful not to cut the string
- Staple the other end of the string to the purse where indicated

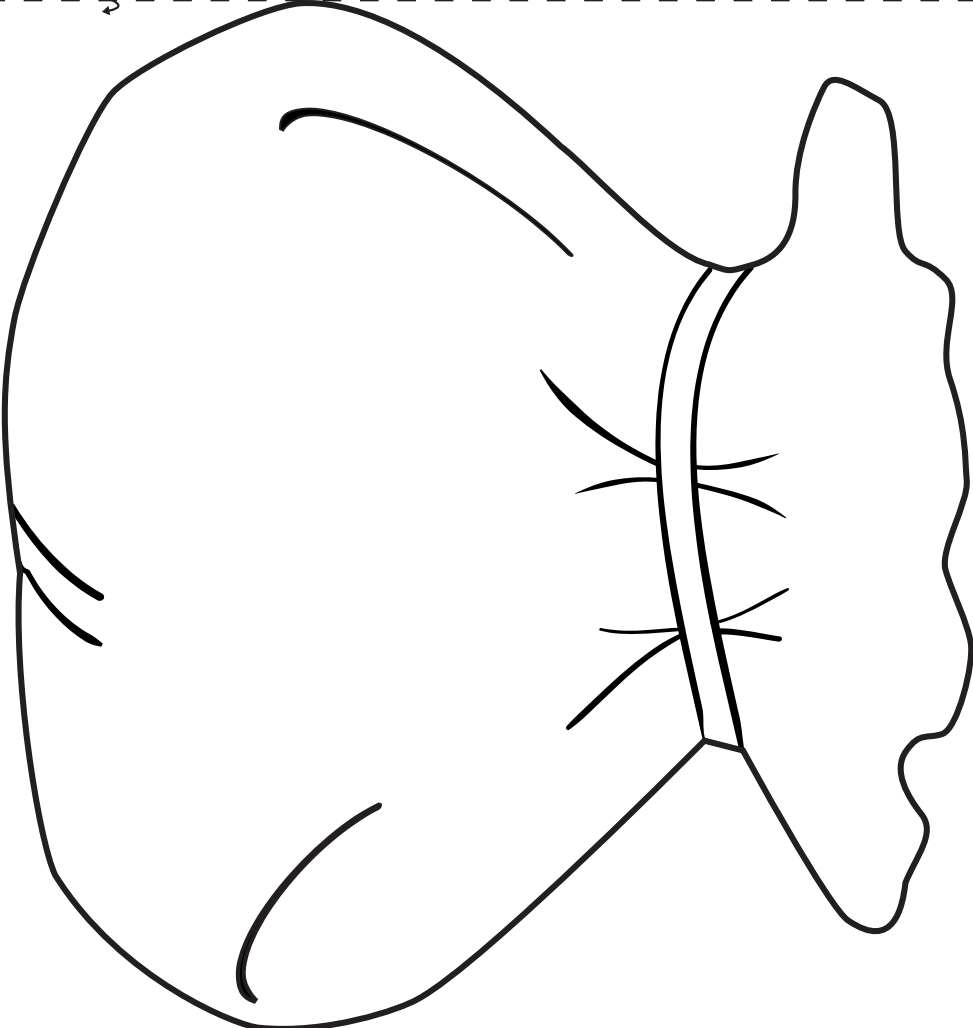
If you don't have a printer, you could make a purse out of a piece of paper by folding it in half and stapling or taping the open sides together. You could also make some coins by covering circles of cardboard in foil. Retell the story by hiding one of the coins and searching for it!



“Rejoice
with me; I
have found my
lost coin.”
Luke 15:9b



A woman lost 1
of her 10 coins so
she carefully swept
her house.



The Parable of the Lost Coin

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FOUND
ANGELS
COINS

LOSE
WOMAN
SINNER

SWEEP
LAMP
PARABLE

SEARCH
FRIENDS
REPENTS

HOUSE
REJOICE
SILVER

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The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

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| FIND COINS | LOSE ANGELS | WOMAN LAMP | FOUND REJOICE |
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