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The Lost Coin

Luke 15:8-10



YOUR BIBLE READING

Jesus used a careful search and shared joy to describe repentance being welcomed.

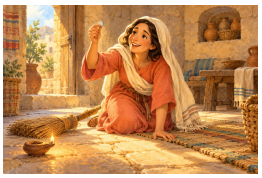
Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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A Lamp, a Broom, and a Missing Coin

Luke 15:8-10



Jesus told a parable about a woman who had ten silver coins and lost one. The other nine were still hers, but they did not make the missing coin unimportant. Jesus chose an ordinary household problem his listeners could picture. There was something to find, and the woman took its loss seriously enough to act. The parable begins with attention to a particular missing thing.

She lit a lamp. The light helped her see as she looked through the house. She also swept and searched carefully. Jesus names these actions without describing the room's shape, the furniture, or the coin's hiding place. We do not need to invent those details to follow the search. The lamp, the sweeping, and the careful looking show how thoroughly the woman set about finding what was gone.

She continued searching until she found the coin. The story gives no number of hours or days, and it does not say that someone else had taken it. It keeps our attention on the woman and the recovery. The coin that had been missing was now found. That change is the turning point, just as finding the sheep had been the turning point in Jesus' previous parable.

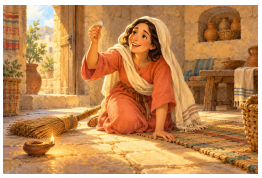
Then the woman called her friends and neighbors together. She asked them to rejoice with her because she had found the coin she lost. The search had become shared happiness. Her neighbors had not been described as helping her sweep, but they were invited to share the glad result. Jesus' short household picture moved from loss through purposeful action to a celebration that included other people in the place they shared together.

Remember: God's welcome is a reason for shared joy.

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Read Deeper: Why Finding Became a Celebration

Luke 15:8-10



Jesus explained that there is joy in the presence of God's angels when one sinner repents. The woman's happiness helped his listeners understand that joy. A person turning from wrongdoing toward God matters deeply. The parable does not make a person's worth depend on the value of a piece of silver. It uses the joy of recovering something valued to point toward God's greater concern for people.

There is an important difference between the picture and its meaning. A coin cannot decide to move, feel sorry, or ask to come home. Jesus did not ask his listeners to imagine that it could. In a parable, we look for the comparison he explains rather than making every detail stand for a separate rule. Here the movement toward finding and rejoicing helps us understand the welcome surrounding repentance.

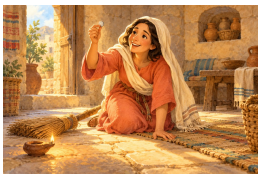
Consider an ordinary example today, separate from the Bible story. A friend might discover a mistake in a group project and help put it right. The others could focus only on blaming the person, or they could welcome the correction and continue working together. Honest repair still matters. Yet there can also be relief and gratitude because something that was going wrong is now moving in a better direction.

The woman's lamp and broom remind us that care can be active, while the gathered neighbors remind us that joy can be shared. Jesus brought both into a very short story. He did not end with the woman holding the coin in silence. He ended with an invitation to rejoice, then explained why turning toward God is a reason for happiness among those who care about his work.

Pause and think: What might it look like to share someone's happiness when a difficult situation begins to be put right?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Value, Attention, and Shared Happiness



Notice how specific the woman's actions are. She did not simply announce that she cared; she used light, swept, and searched. In your own life, careful attention might mean putting away distractions while someone speaks or helping an adult look methodically for a needed item. Care often has a practical shape, even when the task seems small to someone watching.

When you hear this parable, remember that people are far more than objects to recover. Someone who has made a mistake still has feelings, a voice, and a life beyond that mistake. Helping them begin again may include listening, an honest apology, or support from an adult. A welcoming response should protect their dignity, not turn their difficulty into entertainment for others.

The woman's invitation made room for her neighbors to be glad with her. You can practice sharing another person's happiness without comparing it with your own. When a friend learns something difficult or repairs a wrong, a thoughtful response can strengthen the new beginning. Joy does not become smaller because another person is allowed to share it.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Jesus used a woman's careful search and shared joy to picture the welcome of repentance.

What might it look like to share someone's happiness when a difficult situation begins to be put right?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What did the woman use to help her search?

2. What did she do after finding the coin?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ She lit a lamp, swept, and searched carefully.
- ☐ She found the coin and shared her joy.
- ☐ The woman lost one of her ten coins.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw a lamp, a broom, and the coin the woman found.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

God's welcome is a reason for shared joy.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Luke 15:10

A thoughtful conversation

The text does not say the coins formed a wedding necklace or explain how she lost one. Keep such cultural guesses separate from what Jesus' parable actually tells.

Activity answers

1. A lamp, and she swept the house.
2. She invited friends and neighbors to share her joy.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 2, 3, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

If you wish: Jesus, help me welcome people with kindness and share their joy.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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