

eKids: At home with your family Sun 25th April

In our second week in Luke 15 we'll hear Jesus tell another parable about something "lost". We'll see that **God cares about every sinner and is joyful when they repent.**

Luke 15: 1-3 & 8-10

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable:

"Suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Note: A silver coin was probably worth about a day's wages.

This story from Jesus again shows the religious leaders that dealing with sinners is **exactly what God is about**. God's business is looking for the lost. He's been doing it from the beginning (think back to the garden of Eden when He went "looking" for Adam and Eve).

In this story Jesus shows us how carefully the woman searches for the coin. The coin is very precious to her. When she finds the coin she doesn't just celebrate she invites others to celebrate with her!

God considers US to be valuable and precious, but like the coin we can't DO anything to help ourselves be found. God never gives up in his search for sinners and when a sinner is found and repents there is a HUGE party in heaven.

AMAZING!

Starter questions....

- How many coins did the woman have?
- How many did she lose?
- What did she do when she found the lost coin?

Questions to chew on!

- Why was Jesus telling this parable?

He is responding to the religious leaders who think that "them over there" are sinners, and definitely NOT the sort of people to mix with. Jesus wants to show them that finding lost sinners is God's wonderful plan. Everyone needs God to find them.

- Could the coin have done anything to help being found?! (silly picture here)

Of course the coin can't suddenly sprout legs and run into the open or grow a mouth and shout "here I am"! We are as helpless as the lost coin, we need someone to find us – that someone is God – he seeks and saves the lost.

- Could the woman have left the coin do you think?
 Couldn't she just say "Oh, well I've still got 9 others?"

The coin was worth a day's wages so it's not insignificant – although she does have 9 others... It shows how much she DOES value this one coin, it's worth searching for. God values the lost. He thinks WE are worth searching for!

- How would you describe the way the woman searches for the lost coin?

The woman is diligent, thorough and doesn't give up. She even lights a lamp to see into the dark corners of her house. God doesn't give up seeking the lost – thankfully. He cares so much about the lost (that's us) that he searches carefully, never giving up because we are precious to him.

- What is it that makes heaven "**party central**"?

Jesus says that there is rejoicing in the presence of angels when ONE sinner repents (that is they are found and turn back to God). WOW!

So, the thing that gets the party started in heaven isn't our songs, our prayers, our achievements, our good works, nor is it when a baby is born, or a football team wins the World Cup, or someone discovers a new type of sea creature, or when we touch down on Mars....

It's when ONE – just ONE sinner repents!!

Prayer ideas

Thank you that you care about sinners like us.

Thank you that you look for the lost.

We want to praise you because although we can't help ourselves be found, you have come to find and rescue us.

Thank you for Jesus who told this parable to show what you are like.

Please help us to care for the lost too by sharing Jesus with our friends.

We are sorry for the times when we think WE have saved ourselves – in fact we were as helpless as a lost coin!

Activities

- ❖ Worksheets (for Rocks & Boulders)
- ❖ Crossword
- ❖ Wordsearch
- ❖ Spot the difference
- ❖ Maze
- ❖ Coin rubbing
- ❖ Coins in a bottle

- ❖ *If you are accessing this via the website then worksheets are available via email – please contact Abby on 07950064272*