



FAMILY WORSHIP

Parable of the Lost Coin

Luke 15:8-10



This week we are going to learn about another parable. Do you know what a parable is? It's a story Jesus told to teach a lesson. The story should be easy to remember and will have a special meaning for us to learn from.

Jesus told this parable in Luke 15:8-10, [please click here to watch it](#)

Suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. So, she switches on all her lights, sweeps the whole house and searches carefully until she finds it. She looks in every corner under every bit of furniture and each drawer and eventually she is so happy to find it. Then she calls all her friends and neighbours and has a party to celebrate finding the lost coin.

Just like the lost coin, there is great joy with all of God's angels over one sinner who repents.

Think it through

Just imagine, when you say "your sorry" to God all of heaven has a big party just for what you've done! God is much more excited when we say we're sorry than when we act like nothing has happened and don't think we need to apologise at all.

I think the lesson here is that nobody is perfect (except God of course). It's really important when we make mistakes we realise we have done something wrong and we tell God we're sorry. It's as simple as taking a couple minutes, going somewhere quiet would be best (but you can talk to God anywhere), and just say you're sorry for the wrong thing you've done and ask God to forgive you.

When you ask God to forgive you He immediately erases the mistake from His mind and He won't think of it again. It really is that easy! Just think how happy God will be when you do it, and you'll feel better too!



Lemon Juice Drawings

You will need:

- White paper
- Lemon juice in small bowls or cups
- Cotton swabs (like cotton buds)
- Pencil/pen
- Iron and large towel to do the ironing on

Give each person a piece of paper and a cotton swab. The lemon juice should be in bowls or cups. Instruct each person to draw a picture of themselves with Jesus (or a cross) using the cotton swabs dipped in lemon juice. Write the person's name on the paper with a pencil or pen and leave paper to dry.

When dry, start heating the iron on high—AWAY FROM THE CHILDREN!

Place the dry paper on the ironing board and iron the paper, the picture should appear. This reminds us that God is never far away - in fact he's always with us and loves us and he is ready to forgive us. God never gives up on us and he welcomes us back when we get lost and go away from Him.

Lost Coin Hunt

You will need one coin

Someone hides a coin whilst the rest of the household count to 10 with their eyes closed and covered with their hands. After 10 they try to find the coin by searching high and low for the coin. The hider will say several times 'DON'T GIVE UP' and they will continue to search. If coin is not found right away, the hider can say if they are getting hot or cold to point the hunters in the right direction. Talk about Jesus not giving up on us when we are lost after several coin hunts, it will help you all remember will encourage you all

Coin Etching

You will need:

- Coin for each person
- Paper
- Crayon or pencil per person

Each person child can be given a coin, a crayon or pencil and a piece of paper. They can slip the coin under the paper and etch the coin with the side of the pencil, by pressing hard enough with the side of the crayon or pencil, the etching will show the coin).



Write 'REJOICE WITH ME - I HAVE FOUND MY LOST COIN!' on the paper as a remembrance of today's lesson

Word Mining

Word mining is an activity where you take a word or phrase and attempt to find as many words as you can out of that phrase.

How many words can you make using letters from the phrase "I HAVE FOUND MY LOST COIN"?

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Pray it through

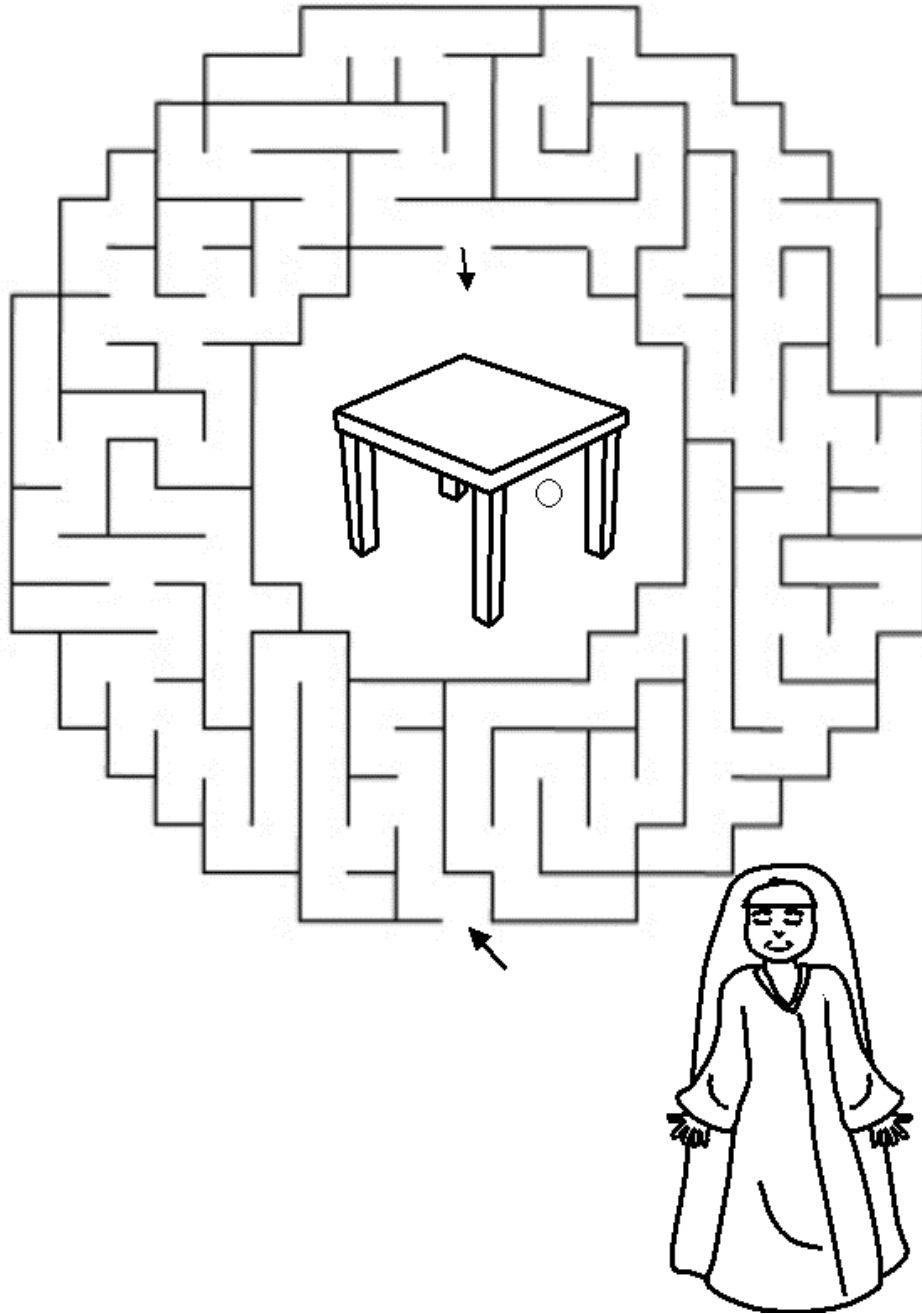
You will need a piece of paper and pens/pencils/crayons

Write or draw pictures of things or people you want to pray for, spend some time talking about what you've written or drawn and pray for these people and/or things. Why not commit to praying for these every day in the coming week?



Lost Coin Maze

Help the woman find her lost coin.



Lost Coin Word Search

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Y J S E P S W K Z D X C I N A
A R D E C A K Y H S C R N A R
S E E S I R A H P H E A E T A
N H O S H E P H E R D E T N B
S R E Y A R P A H S C S Y E L
T F O R G I V E N E S S N P E
F O U N D E A I L O S T I E J
I T B P N R O U O J S V N R O
T B W T T C T H G I L Z E P Y

ask
celebration
coins
forgiveness
found
heart
heaven
joy
light

lost
ninety-nine
parable
Pharisees
prayer
repentant
search
sheep
shepherd

