Lost and Found: 2 Parables

Memory verse: Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to see and save the lost."

Worship:

-"<u>Won't Let Go"</u> -"<u>For the Son of Man</u>" -"Waymaker"

Memory verse: Luke 19:10

"For the Son of Man came to see and save the lost."

Did you know that Jesus is the "Son of Man"? While He was on earth He was human like us, so just like us He was the son of Adam and He became human when He was born as a child to Mary. He is human (Son of Man) but also God.

Parable of the Lost Coin and the Lost Sheep

Today we are going to hear 2 parables: <u>The Lost Coin and The Lost Sheep</u>. Jesus told these short stories to help us understand how important we are to Him and how much He loves us.

The Lost Coin: Luke 15:8-10

There was a woman that had ten silver coins. But, she lost one of the coins! She lit a lamp, swept the entire house, corners and all, to search carefully for the lost coin. She looked and looked for the lost coin... She didn't stop looking until she found that lost coin! When she finally found it, she called her friends together to celebrate that she had found the coin that was lost. Even though she had 9 other coins, she looked carefully until she found the lost coin.

Video: Lost and Found

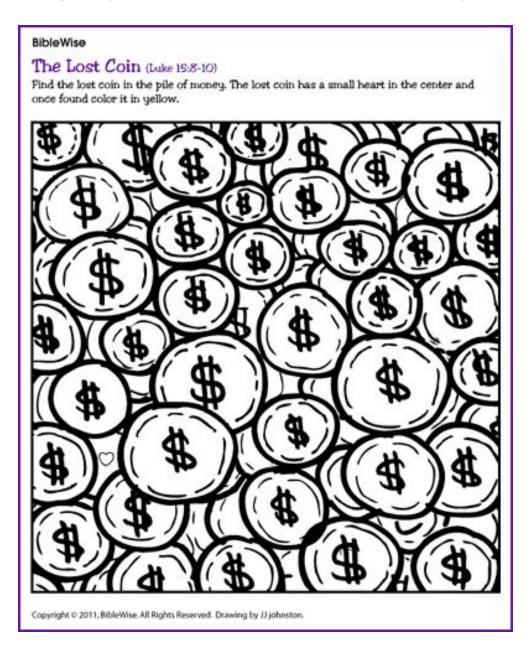
Questions:

- Why do you think I care about one penny when I have ninety-nine safe in my piggy bank
- If you were a parent with five children or a teacher with 25 children, do you think you'd care if one child were lost? Of course you would!
- Why do you think it would matter so much if you only one were lost?

Memory verse: Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to see and save the lost."

Do you remember...who is the "Son of Man"? So what could be another way to say this verse? (For Jesus came to seek and save the lost.)

Activity: Can you find the lost coin with the heart in this pile of money?



The Lost Sheep: Luke 15:4-7

The Bible tells us that Jesus is the Great Shepherd. Jesus, like shepherds, is always watching over us. Shepherds protect their sheep, and always want to make sure they return home safe.

Jesus began the parable by asking "If a man had 100 sheep and he lost one of them, what would he do? Wouldn't he leave the 99 in the wilderness to go search for the one that is lost until he finds it?" He would look and look until he finds that lost sheep! When the shepherd finds the lost sheep, wouldn't he lay it on his shoulders and celebrate that he found it? When he gets home, he would call together his friends and neighbors saying to them "Celebrate with me because I have found my lost sheep!"

God is like a shepherd who takes care of his sheep. Good shepherds always know how many sheep they have. They know when one of their little sheep gets lost or hurt just like God. Jesus is the Great Shepherd. He takes care of His sheep. We are His sheep, His people that He watches over.

Video: The Lost Sheep

Memory verse: Luke 19:10

"For the Son of Man came to see and save the lost."

Activity Sheet: (next page)

The Lost Sheep

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" Luke 15:4 (NIV)

Based on Luke 15:1-7



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Fun Family Activity: Finding Waldo

Were you able to find Waldo in all those countries?

Have you ever lost something important? Like a pet, your favorite toy, or some money you were saving to buy something special?

I don't like it when I lose something important to me do you?

The two parables we read today were about people who lost something (a lost coin and a lost sheep) that were important to them and how they searched all over until they found the lost item and then how happy they were to find what they had lost.

Isn't it great to know that Jesus will always search for us when we are lost? He loves us. We are so important to Him that He does not want one of us to be lost. He loves us and wants us to be with Him always.

Activity:

Game — Hide and Seek