

LIFE OF CHRIST  
from the gospel of  
Luke

Lesson 37

The Lost Sheep & Coin

Luke 15:1-10

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**Younger Verse**

*"There is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents."  
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**Older Verse**

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**Bible Story**



*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Jesus continued teaching and healing people. To Jesus, each and every person was important. Many people who had done bad things often went to hear Jesus teach. The religious leaders didn't like that. They didn't want to be around "sinners." But Jesus knew that these people needed to hear about God's love and forgiveness more than anyone!

The religious leaders complained that Jesus would allow these people to be near Him and even eat with Him. When Jesus heard their complaints, He told a story. It was about a shepherd who had 100 sheep. He said that one of the sheep got lost in the wilderness. The shepherd left the other 99 sheep to go and search for the one missing sheep. He looked everywhere until he found the one lost sheep.

When the shepherd found the lost sheep, he was so happy that he carried the sheep home on his shoulders! When he got back home, he called all of his friends and family to rejoice about finding the one lost sheep. Jesus said that is how it is with God. When one lost sinner turns to God and receives forgiveness, God and the angels celebrate!

Jesus told another story about a woman who had 10 precious coins. These had probably been given to her as a wedding gift, so they were very important and dear to her. (That was the custom in those days.) One day, the woman noticed that one of the coins was missing! She lit her lamp and began looking in every corner of the

**Lesson Goals**

- Learn that God wants all people to know Him**
- Learn that God rejoices when one person repents**
- Learn that God wants to use us to help others know Him**

house until she found the lost coin.

When she finally found the coin, she called her friends and neighbors to rejoice that she had found the lost coin.

Jesus said, “In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.” Repent means to turn away from sin and turn to God.

Think about that for a minute. Out of all the people in the world, God cares about YOU. He keeps reaching out to you while you are lost, separated from Him. He wants you to be with Him in a love relationship. He wants to save you from your sins so you can have eternal life.

That is why God sent Jesus to earth—to find those who are lost and bring them home—to heaven with God.

If you have received God’s gift of eternal life, God wants you to seek out those who are lost without Jesus. He wants you to share His love with them and help them to come to Him. He wants all people to be saved!

#### Review Questions

1. Why were the religious leaders complaining about Jesus? (He let the sinful people come to Him, and He even ate with them.)
2. What did Jesus mean by the story of the lost sheep? (God is like the shepherd. He looks for us so he can bring us home with Him.)
3. How many coins did the woman lose? (one) What did she do when she found it? (She called all her friends to rejoice with her.)
4. What happens in heaven when one lost sinner turns to God? (Everyone in heaven rejoices.)

#### Life Application

Have you let God find you, or are you still lost? Some people spend their lives running from God. They want to do things their way, so they miss out on the wonderful life they would have with God.

Living your life with God is the best life. He gives you joy, peace, love, and the hope of heaven. Why would anyone want to live any other way?

Planning for Lesson 38  
The Lost Son  
Luke 15:11-32

## Preschool Lesson for The Lost Sheep & Coin

Jesus told a story to help us know that God loves us very much.

Think about a shepherd who had 100 sheep. One night, as he counted them (pretend that you are counting), he found that one sheep was missing. What did he do? He left the other 99 sheep to go look for the lost little sheep!

He looked in every bush and by every rock. He listened to hear the sound of the sheep (make a baaa sound). Finally, he found the sheep! He put the sheep on his shoulders and carried it home. Then he called all his friends and family to celebrate that the lost sheep was found.

There was also a woman who had ten silver coins (count to 10). One day, she saw that she only had nine coins. (Make a gasp sound as you count to nine.) Quickly, she looked and looked on the floor until she found her coin! She was so happy and told all her friends the whole story.

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Say this rhyme like the nursery rhyme “Baa Baa Black Sheep.”

*Little lost sheep, tell me where you are.*

*Please don't wander very far.*

*It is dark and very cold.*

*Please come back into the fold.*

*Little lost sheep, tell me where you are*

*Please don't wander very far.*

*(You can also make up motions for the words.)*



**Hands-on Activities  
for  
The Lost Sheep & Coin**

A fun game to play is the “Lost Sheep” game or blind tag. Let one person be “it.” The others will need blindfolds. The sheep that is “it” will hide and make soft baaa noises. The other children who are blindfolded will try to find the sheep. The first one to find the sheep is “it.” (This may be hard if the children try to peek.)

Hide one penny or other coin in the room. When it is found, have a “party” - pass out snacks or even bring chocolate coins.

Create a shepherd and sheep puppet using craft sticks. Act out the story.

Glue cotton balls to a sheet of paper to make a sheep. Write the verse on it.

Talk about who each person can invite to church next week. Bring bright paper and make special cards to invite them.

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# Word Search

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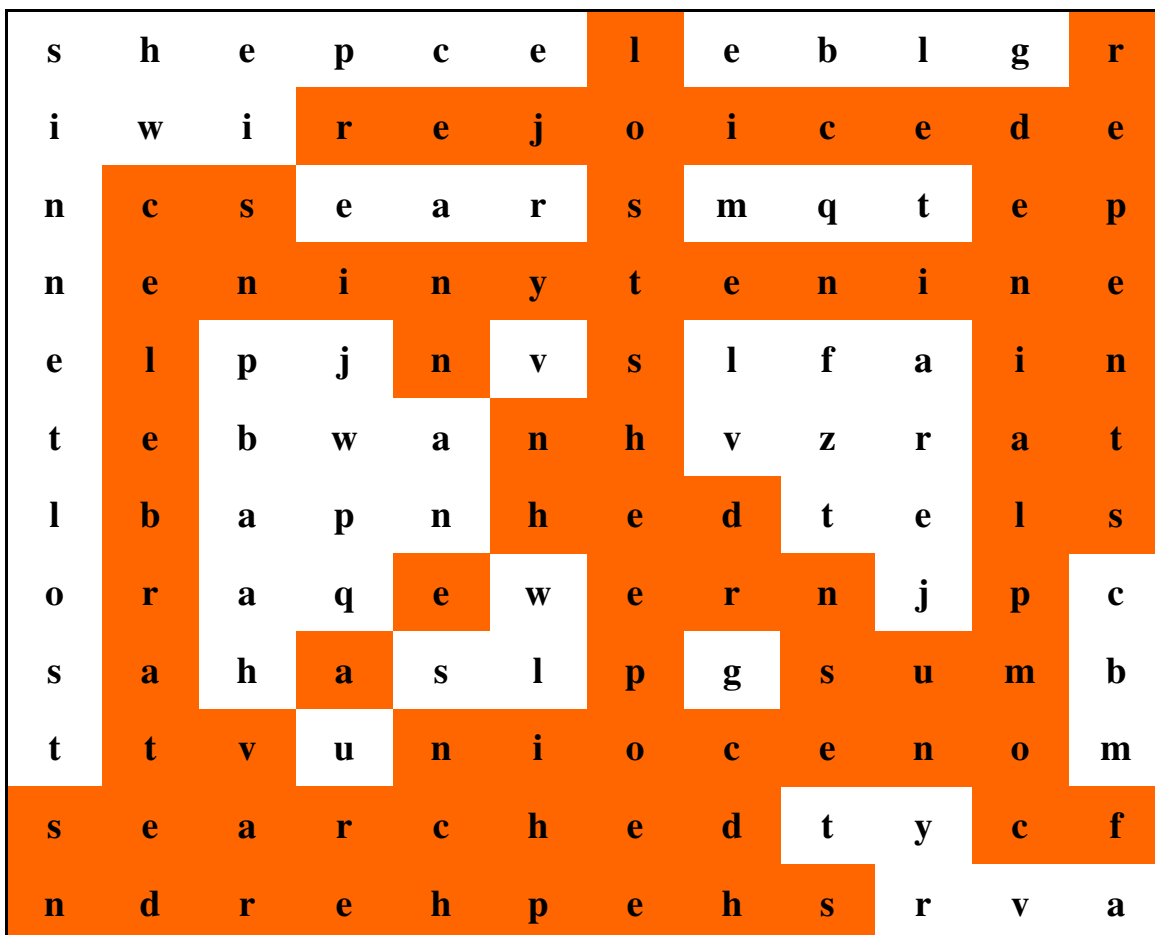
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<b>one coin</b>	<b>searched</b>	<b>found</b>
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