

May 30/31, 2020 – Week 5

Bible Story Focus: God loves me, and I am special to Him.

The Lost Coin • *Luke 15:8-10*

Memory Verse: “Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love.”

Romans 8:39, NlrV

Key Question: Who loves you?

Bottom Line: God loves me.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

Make It Fun

Coin Search

- **What You Need:** Water bottles prepared with rice and one coin.
- **What You Do:** Encourage the children to shake the rice in the bottles to reveal the coin. Ask the children how many coins they find. Encourage them to share the bottles so that every friend has a chance to find a coin.
- **What You Say:** “There is something hidden inside these bottles. Shake the rice around to see if you can find the hidden item. What did you find? *(Pause.)* That’s right! How many coins did you find in your bottle? *(Pause.)* One! In our Bible story today, we’ll hear about a woman who searched and searched for one lost coin. It was very important to her. Let’s go find out what happened!”

Make It True

Worship

- **What You Need:** Worship song “God Loves Me Specially.”

Bible Story

- **What You Need:** Ten fake gold coins
- **LEADER:** *(Hide one coin under your leg.)* “Hello, everyone! Today’s story from the Bible is one Jesus told about a woman who had TEN coins. How many did she have?”
- **CHILDREN:** “Ten!”
- **LEADER:** “Yes! She had TEN coins. Let’s count them together. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine. Wait a minute! Where’s number ten? The lady counted again. Count with me.”
- **CHILDREN and LEADER:** “One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine . . .”
- **LEADER:** “No number ten! The lady decided to look for the missing coin. She turned on a lamp. Look, look, look. But, she couldn’t find the coin. She swept the floor. Everyone pretend to sweep with me, like this. *(Demonstrate.)* Yes, just like that. *(Put hand over eyes.)* Now, look, look, look. Do you see it anywhere? *(Drop the coin to the ground.)* Do you see it anywhere? Tell me when you see it! There it is! *(Pick up the coin.)* The lady in the story found her coin after searching and searching! She was SO excited when she found it that she told all of her friends and neighbors and said, ‘Celebrate with me! I found my lost coin!’ Let’s count them ALL now! One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten! Hooray! Jesus told this story because He wanted us to know that just like the coin was special to the lady, WE are special to God! Let’s celebrate! Everyone say, ‘God loves me, and I am special!’ Ready?”



- **CHILDREN and LEADER:** “God loves me, and I am special!”
- **LEADER:** “Yes, it’s true! You are special because God loves you. Tell me, **who loves you?**”
- **CHILDREN and LEADER:** “**God loves me.**”
- **LEADER:** “That’s the truth, friends! You are very special, and God loves you! Let’s pray.”

PRAYER

- **LEADER:** “Dear God, thank You for this story Jesus told. Just like that coin was very special to the woman in the story, we know that we are VERY special to You. Thank you for loving us, always. We love You, too. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

Make It Stick

God Loves Me

- **What You Need:** “God Loves Me” labels, party hats, and an assortment of fun stickers
- **What You Do:** Encourage the children to use the stickers to decorate a party hat. When they are done, give them a label to go on their party hat.
- **What You Say:** “Let’s make a party hat to help us celebrate that **God loves me! Who loves you? God loves me!** Your hats look great! Let’s put them on. *(Help the children put on their party hats.)* Now, let’s cheer together! **Who loves you? God loves me! Who loves you? God loves me!** *(Repeat as you cheer and celebrate that **God loves me!**)*

Dismissal

The Lost Coin

- **What You Need:** Ten fake coins and an empty box or container
- **What You Do:** Place nine of the coins inside the box. Sit with the children in the activity area. Place the box in front of you and hide the tenth coin under your leg or shoe. Make the coin visible if it were to be looked for. Take the coins out of the box one at a time while counting them out loud with the children. When you get to the last coin or number nine, tell the children that you have lost your last coin. Ask the children to help you find the coin. Continue the activity until the children find the coin.
- **What You Say:** “Jesus told us a story in the Bible, today! He told us about a woman who had ten coins and that they were special to her. I have ten coins, too! *(Shake box to rattle coins.)* Let’s count my coins *(count coins)*. Oh, no! There are only nine coins! One of my coins is lost. I have to find it! *(Do activity.)* Thankfully I found my coin! Just like in the Bible story today, they are special. Just like we are ALL special to God! **Who loves you? God loves me!**”