

Parable: The Ten Silver Coins

The Building Blocks of the Lesson

Bible Reference



Luke 15:8-10

Memory Verse:

Luke 15:10

Objectives



* Teach that repentance of sins at anytime is worthy of celebration

* No matter how long the search, God seeks each of us and rejoices when we come to Him.

Theological Themes



Penitence and forgiveness brings a blessing ___ (your ideas, too)

Music



Lutheran Book of Worship #448, "Amazing Grace"

Catechism Connection



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Additional Resources



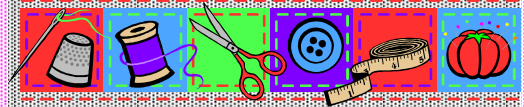
Recycling regulations vary from county to borough to township. If you do not know what the law says, find out. If no regulations are in existence, check into ways you can recycle in your area. Often, the nearby junk yard or salvage yard will pay for aluminum cans, tin cans, glass, etc. Often farmers want your old newspapers donated so they can be shredded and used as bedding for livestock. Gardeners also like to use shredded newspaper to keep down weeds and nourish the soil. You may consider planning a project to involve the congregation and donate the cash raised from recycling to World Hunger or another worthy project. Be sure to include Thrivent Financial for Lutherans with matching funds to expand your net proceeds.

Context



In Bible times coins were not only of value to purchase things but were also worn by women as adornment. They were often given to the bride by the groom on their wedding as a sign of his love for her. It would have been devastating to lose one and it would have been seriously searched for including inquiring if anyone may have found it. If the missing coin was found there would be rejoicing indeed.

Activity



Gather 10 pebbles or circles of paper or pennies and a small bag to keep them in.

Play hide and seek with one of the ten coins. First count the ten coins with the students. Pick one person to hide the coin while the others close their eyes or cover their eyes. Recount the coins with everyone to see one is missing. Have everyone except the person who hid the coin, look for the coin. When it is found get excited and celebrate. This can be played as many times as the excitement allows. At the end of the game, give each student the bag with ten items in it to take home. Encourage them to share the good news about being found when they play the game with their families and friends.

??? Discuss /Ask???

Have you ever lost anything you treasured?

How did you feel?

Did you find what you lost? How did you feel then?

Have you ever lost something and NOT found it? How did you feel?

Isn't it wonderful God does not lose anything or anyone? God is patient in seeking out each of us when we are lost. We feel lost sometimes ourselves, when we try to carry our burdens alone. When we have sinned and turned away from God, how should we celebrate when someone turns to God; when we ask for forgiveness and turn to God?

Sending



Replay the hide and seek activity with someone. Talk with your family and friends about being lost, separated from those you know and love and then being found. Share your feelings with each other.

Prayer



**Dear Lord,
Thank you for loving us
enough to search for us when we
are lost. AMEN.**