

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to
proclaim good news to the poor.

LUKE 4:18 (ESV)

Find It!

In Luke 15, Jesus told three parables about some things that were lost and then found. He wanted to help the church leaders understand how God loves all people. Can you find these things, words, and numbers?

pig, sheep, coin, son, lost, found, rejoice, search, 99, 10, younger, welcome, party



Missing Words



Oops ... some words are missing! Draw a line to the word that finishes each sentence.

Jesus told three _____.

In the first one, a shepherd lost a _____.

In the second one, a woman lost a precious _____.

In the third one, a lost son had nothing to _____.

In each story something or someone was _____.

Jesus told these stories to explain God's great love for _____.

He wants us to love Him, _____!

- coin
- people
- parables
- to
- sheep
- found
- eat



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CONVERSATION

Jesus Told Three Parables

LUKE 15

Jesus used parables to teach people. A *parable* is a story Jesus told to help people understand the kingdom of God.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Jesus taught, “Is there one here among you who would not leave his herd of ninety-nine sheep to search for a lost sheep until he finds it? When he finds the lost sheep, the shepherd puts him on his shoulders.

He calls out to his neighbors and friends: ‘Rejoice with me! I have found my lost sheep!’” Jesus said that in heaven there will be more joy over one lost person who repents of his sin than over ninety-nine people who do not need to repent.



The Parable of the Lost Coin

A woman had ten silver coins. One of them was lost. The woman looked everywhere. She swept the house and kept on searching for the coin. When she found it, she called her friends to celebrate with her. Jesus said that in that same way, the angels rejoice when one person turns to God.

The Parable of the Lost Son

A man had two sons. One day the younger son said to his father, “Give me my share of the inheritance.” So the father gave the younger son his part. The younger son packed his bags and went to a distant land where he lived foolishly and wasted his inheritance.

Being tired and hungry, he decided to go home. He said to himself, “Even the servants in my father’s house eat better than this! I will go to my father and ask if I can work for him because I am no longer worthy to be called his son.” So the son headed for home.

While he was still a long way off, his father saw the son coming toward home. The father ran to him, threw his arms around him, and kissed him. The son said, “I have sinned against God and against you.”

But the father told his servants, “Bring the best robe for my son. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Let’s have a feast and celebrate! This son of mine was lost, and now he is found!”

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: 1 John 4:9

LIFE POINT: Jesus taught about God’s love.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today’s Bible story focused on how Jesus taught about God’s love. Jesus told three parables to emphasize how much God loves His people and how He rejoices when one person trusts Him as Savior and Lord.



LIVE IT OUT

Challenge your child to recall the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. Talk about what Jesus was teaching about God’s love through the parables. Pray with your child, thanking God for His love.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus taught about faith, trust, and obedience to God.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: 1 John 4:9

Monday: Jeremiah 31:3

Tuesday: John 15:9

Wednesday: Psalm 136:26

Thursday: Ephesians 2:4-5

Friday: Nehemiah 1:5

Saturday: 1 John 4:7

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Jesus Told Three Parables* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

