

Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App,
Chocolate Coin or Small Treat



GO DEEPER

MORNING MOMENTS



Read: Luke 15:8-10

Discuss:

- Do you think the woman might have gotten tired or discouraged while searching?
- What did the woman do when she found the coin?

Remember This: God doesn't give up on the lost

CREATIVE CONNECTION



Find a really messy part of your house (a room you all use). Work really hard to clean it up. Don't stop or give up until the job is done, and done right! When finished, celebrate your hard work by sitting back and enjoying a cup of cold lemonade or other juice. As you sip your drinks talk about:

- Did you want to give up in the middle of our job?
- How does it feel to have accomplished the task?
- Why do you think God doesn't give up on searching for the lost?
- How can we join God in searching for those who don't know Him?

TABLE TALK



Parents: before dinner, hide a chocolate coin or other treat for your child. During dinner, review the parable of the lost coin. If you were the woman where would you have looked for the coin? The coin was special to the woman and she worked hard to find it. God doesn't give up on people who do not believe in Him. After dinner allow your child to search to find their after-dinner treat!

HUMBLE HEARTS



Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:

Praise God for seeking the lost

Ask God to show you people who don't know Him

Repent, or tell God you're sorry, when you give up on someone instead of continuing to pray for them

Thank God for not giving up on you

| SCRIPTURE | BOTTOM LINE |
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| <p>LUKE 15:1-32 Parables of the Lost Sheep, Coin, and Son</p> | <p>FOLLOWING JESUS MEANS REJOICING WHEN THE LOST ARE FOUND</p> |
| <p>READ THIS</p> | <p>Jesus taught about God's heart toward those who are lost and found using three different parables. The Pharisees focused so much on obeying the words of the Law that they needed to learn from Jesus about the heart of the Law. Jesus used these three parables to teach us that God loves the lost, is seeking the lost, and celebrates when the lost are found. Let's go deeper and learn more!</p> |
| <p>MEMORIZE THIS</p> | <p>"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." Romans 12:2 (NLT)</p> |
| <p>IN ACTION</p> | <p>Are there people you know that don't know Jesus? Make a list and place it where you will see it, and remember to pray for them. It may take days, weeks, months, or even years for someone to choose to follow Jesus. But don't give up praying for them and sharing God's love with them! God wants everyone to know Him.</p> |

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[youtube.com/blueridgecommunitychurch](https://www.youtube.com/blueridgecommunitychurch)

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Bible or Bible App, Construction Paper, Art Supplies

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MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Luke 15:11-19, 1 John 1:9

Discuss:

- What choices did the son make in the story that were not good?
- What does it mean to repent?
- What did the son do or say that showed he was ready to repent?

Remember This: Repentance means turning away from sin and turning back to God



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Repentance is seeing your sin, being sorry for your sin, confessing your sin, asking for forgiveness, and then turning from your sin back to God. Take a piece of construction paper and fold it in half to make a card. Think of someone that you need to apologize to. Use a marker or crayon to write that person's name with big letters on the front of the card. On the inside of the card, write, "I'm sorry I _____. Will you forgive me?" Fill in the blank by writing what you did to hurt that person. Decorate the card using the markers, crayons, or the other supplies. Be careful not to cover up your words when you decorate!



TABLE TALK

As a family, talk about what it looks like to repent when you have done something wrong. Close your eyes and think quietly about the last time you did something that you knew was wrong.

- Did you try to prove that you didn't do anything wrong even though you knew you did?
- Did you feel sorry for what you had done, or were you more sorry about the consequences you had?
- Did you pretend to be more sorry than you really were just so you wouldn't get in as much trouble?

If you get caught doing something wrong, it's very tempting to do those things, but none of them work! The only thing that gets rid of sin is to repent! True repentance is: seeing your sin, being sorry for your sin, confessing your sin, asking for forgiveness, and then turning from your sin back to God.



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:

Praise God for being faithful

Ask God to help you see when you have done something wrong

Repent, or tell God you're sorry, for something you have done wrong today

Thank God for how He forgives you when you repent

Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App, White Paper, Construction Paper, Art Supplies

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Luke 15:20-24

Discuss:

- Who do you think the son represents in this story?
- Who do you think the father represents in this story?
- Did it surprise you the way the father responded? Why or why not?

Remember This: God rejoices when the lost are found



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Get a piece of white paper and use various art supplies to draw your own picture of what the rejoicing father in the parable may have looked like when the prodigal son came home. In your drawing, try to show how the people are feeling. When finished drawing, choose a piece of construction paper. Attach the drawing to the construction paper using glue or tape so that the construction paper makes a frame for the drawing.



TABLE TALK

Have everyone around the table think about someone that is hard for them to love because of the choices they make. Then ask the following questions:

- How does God feel about that person?
- How does God want you to feel about that person?
- Today, pray for that person to repent, and to choose to obey God instead. Don't give up praying!



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:

Praise God for His unconditional love

Ask God to help you forgive others

Repent, or tell God you're sorry, when you have chosen not to forgive someone

Thank God for His joy when you turn back to Him

Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App,
Markers, Music

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MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Luke 15: 11-20, 28-31

Discuss:

- If you were the older brother from this parable, how would you feel when your brother returned?
- How does God want us to treat people who are asking for forgiveness?
- What do you think it looks like for you to rejoice when someone you know gives their life to Jesus?

Remember This: God wants us to rejoice when the lost are found



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Grab some paper and make a list of all the people you know who have given their life to Jesus. Have you ever rejoiced and celebrated that all of these people are found? Take time today to worship God for His goodness in our lives. Start by taking time to rejoice through prayer – praising God for the people you know who are following Jesus. Then, continue rejoicing by turning on some praise music to sing and dance in celebration to God! Looking for some great praise music? Check out our BR Kids Spotify playlist: www.tinyurl.com/brkidsplaylist



TABLE TALK

Compare the two sons by asking your children these questions:

- How did each brother dishonor his father?
- How did the Father respond to each brother's behavior?
- What do you think it would take to make the Father stop loving each son?
- What do you think each son will do next?



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:

Praise God for His patience with you

Ask God to remind you to be glad for others when they come to Jesus

Repent, or tell God you're sorry, when your heart is jealous

Thank God for the people in your life who follow Jesus

Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App, 2 Coffee Filters,
Markers, Water, Pipecleaner

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MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Romans 12:2; Luke 15:5-7, 9-10, 22-24

Discuss:

- What true stories in the Bible can you think of where someone asks God for forgiveness and turns from their sin?
- In the examples you thought of, how did God change each person?
- In the parables we read, what was the response of the lost being found?

Remember This: We can rejoice when we are found and changed by God



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Another way to look at Romans 12:2 is to ask yourself, "Am I a hidden chameleon blending into the world around me or am I a beautiful butterfly that has been changed by Jesus and stands out?" When we allow Jesus to change our hearts, we are transformed just like a butterfly. Draw on the coffee filters with washable markers. Using a water bottle, squirt water on the coffee filter. Watch the colors run together. Allow to dry. Scrunch up the middle of the coffee filters and wrap with a pipe cleaner to look like antennae. Spread the wings out. Remember that we can rejoice in the beauty of how God changes us when we are found.



TABLE TALK

- How do you think Jesus changes us?
- Why do you think Jesus wants to change you?
- Can you think of something about yourself that Jesus has changed this year?



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:

Praise God for His power to change hearts

Ask God to show you ways He has and is changing you

Repent, or tell God you're sorry, when you copy the way the world acts instead of allowing Him to change your life

Thank God for ways He has changed you