

The directions to put the book together that is in a PDF format is as follows:

After printing the eleven pages, take the cover page and fold it in half (bifold) so that the title and picture is on the top. Next, take the other ten pages and fold them in half as well making sure you can see the words on the outside. These pages will get stacked on each other with the open edge on the left hand side and the folded edge on the right. Then, insert all the pages into the cover (open edges in so they touch the cover's fold). Lastly, close the cover over the pages and then staple the book down the left hand side. The top half of each page is blank so that your child can illustrate them or feel free to use your own clip art.

Below, you will find the story if you choose to just read it orally and not print it off.

One day Anna worked very hard helping her mother clean the house. She picked up her bedroom, watered the plants outside, and sorted the shoes by the back door. Her mother was so pleased with her work that she decided to give her an **allowance**. Her mother gave her a large **coin**, it was a silver dollar, to put in her piggy bank. However, Anna did not put her money right into her bank because she was heading outside to play in her sandbox. Instead, she put her shiny, new **coin** in her pocket. This was not a good choice because when Anna went back inside, her **coin** was gone! It must have fallen out of her pocket while she was playing. She told her mother what had happened and she and her mother went back out to the sandbox to **search** for the **missing coin**. Anna's mother **searched** for the **coin** in the sand right next to the shovel. Then they looked next to the sand castle she had created that afternoon. Anna then tried finding the **coin** using her sand **sifter**. At last, Anna **spotted** the silver dollar she had earned as an **allowance** next to her dump truck. She was very excited about finding the **missing coin** and thanked her mother for helping her. She was so happy that she was dancing and singing all the way into her bedroom to put the **coin** in her piggy bank where it belonged to begin with!

This parable teaches us that God (YHWH) wants us to rejoice when we find even one person to repent of their sins and give their life to the LORD (YHWH). Sometimes we can get discouraged and think we are not making a difference in the Kingdom of God (YHWH) because we feel as if no one is listening, but we need to rejoice, along with the angels, when there is one new person who seems to have found their way.

The Parable of the Lost Coin can be found in Luke 15:8-10.

New Vocabulary for this story:

allowance - money given to a child by parents

coin - piece of metal money

missing - absent from an expected place, disappeared

search - look into, over, or through something carefully in order to find something or somebody

spotted - found with eyes

sifter - a tool used to sort or separate coarse particles by allowing small objects to fall through

Activities for the Parable of the Lost Coin

Play Missing Coin

Children review today's story. Darken the room. Ask one child to play the woman, and the other children to play coins. Ask the woman to leave the room. Choose one coin to be lost; this coin hides somewhere in the room. Bring in the woman and give her a flashlight as her "lamp." Ask the woman to try to name the missing coin before searching for that child. The other children can give clues of "hot" or "cold" to help the woman find the "lost" coin. When the hidden coin is found, choose new players for both roles.

Make a coin

Children engrave pictures of themselves onto foil to make precious coins.

Ask:

How important was the coin to that woman? How can we tell?

How important are we to Jesus (Yeshua)? How can we tell?

If Jesus (Yeshua) were in the room with us right now, what might he say to each one of us to let us know that we're important?

Invite the children to make coins showing themselves as important to Jesus (Yeshua).

Directions to the children:

Use a pencil and plate to trace a large circle onto a sheet of cardboard. Cut out the circle.

Cover the circle in foil.

On one side of the coin, use a tool (wooden cuticle tool) to engrave a picture of yourself. (Show the children how to press a tool onto foil-covered cardboard to make lines.)

Now imagine words that Jesus (Yeshua) says to you, words that say how important you are. Engrave these words on the other side of the coin.

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Broom Card Craft

This parable is a wonderful way to explain to children how, when we lose something, or something is lost, and it is important, we look for it, and are glad when we find it, the same way God (YHWH) feels when a

sinner is lost. With my class, I would ask if any of them had ever lost anything, and listen to their stories, and talk about how happy they were if they found the lost item, and how sad they were when they didn't find it.

Then we would discuss that God (YHWH) is looking for sinners who are lost, and don't know about God (YHWH), or have stopped listening to God (YHWH). How God (YHWH) thinks that these people are very important.

Then we would make our craft.

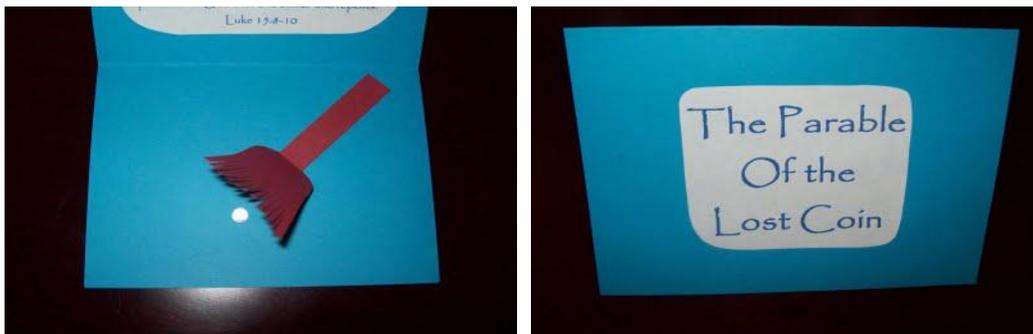
Cut a piece of colorful cardstock paper in half. Then fold the half sheet in half to make a little book shape as shown below. Cut out simple broom shapes out of brown cardstock. Print out the title of your story on white paper- The Parable of the Lost Coin, I like to use Papyrus font, trim around it as shown. I also type out the entire story from Luke 15:8-10, make sure you center it and print it small enough that it will fit inside the book. Trim around the verse as shown. For the coin, use a hole puncher and punch out the coin from aluminum foil.



Let the children cut the fringe in the broom, I like to demonstrate how to do this so the younger children understand. Bend the broom where the handle meets the broom, glue down the broom only by the handle, so the broom itself can be lifted to reveal the coin. Glue the coin under the broom as shown.



Glue the title on the cover, and the story on the page above the broom as shown.



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Coloring Pages for the Parable of the Lost Coin

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