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WEEK 2 | June 14, 2026

Today's Bible Story: The Story of the Lost Coin • Luke 15:1-3, 8-10

Jesus made a way for you to be part of God's Kingdom.

Key Question: Who can be part of God's kingdom?

Bottom Line: I can be part of God's kingdom.

Memory Verse: "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." • Matthew 6:10 NIV

SOCIAL: Time for fun!

ACTIVITY: Sweep for the Coin

What You Need: Child-size broom, Thick paper plates, Painter's tape

What You Do: Place two paper plates on top of each other, rim to rim to create a three-dimensional coin. Tape around the edges to secure the two plates together. Create a long, winding path on the floor with tape.

What You Say: "Today, we need to do some very important cleaning. I've got this broom that we can use to sweep this coin down the path. Some of us will stand at this end. *(Point.)* And all our other friends will stand at that end. *(Help children line up at each end.)* [Child's name], here is the broom and a coin. Your job is to stay on the path and sweep the coin all the way to the end like this. *(Demonstrate.)* Are you ready? Let's go! Sweep, sweep, sweep! Hooray! You made it to the other end. Hand the broom to [child's name]. Now [child's name], you can sweep the coin to that end of the path. *(Continue with each child. Repeat as time and interest allow.)* Great job, everyone! Thank you for your help! Our Bible Story today is a special story Jesus told about a woman who lost one of her special coins."

MEMORY VERSE: Say it Everywhere

What You Say: "In our story, a woman looked EVERYWHERE for her lost coin. Let's go everywhere and say our verse! *(Walk to different spaces in your environment and use a different voice volume in each space to say the memory verse together.)* That was fun moving around to different places the woman might have looked for her coin. We said our verse everywhere!"

LARGE GROUP: Time to Praise & Worship God

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God.

Story: Communicating God's truth



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SMALL GROUP: Time to connect with the children! **PRAY:** Praise God, Thank God!

CRAFT: Lift and Look for the Coin

What You Need: “Lift and Look Top Page” Activity Page and “Lift and Look Bottom Page” Activity Page printed on cardstock, Crayons, Permanent marker, Glue sticks

What You Do: Print “Lift and Look Top Page” and “Lift and Look Bottom Page” on cardstock, one of each per child. For each child, rub glue along the edges of each bottom page, line up the top page, and press the two pages together.

What You Say: “Look at your paper. It’s a picture of the woman, and she’s looking for the coin. Color your paper, then I’ll show you something special. *(Pause.)* Your pictures look great! Now you can be like the woman in the story! Let’s search for the lost coin. I wonder if it’s behind this flap. *(Lift one of the flaps.)* That’s not the coin. It’s an [item]. Let’s try another flap. *(Lift another flap.)* That’s not the coin. It’s an [item]. *(Continue until you find the coin.)* Hooray! We found the coin! We are so precious to God, like the coin was precious to the woman. God loves us so much that God gave us His Son, Jesus, so we could be part of His kingdom forever!”

ACTIVITY: The Great Coin Hunt

What You Need: “The Great Coin Hunt” Activity Page and “The Great Coin Hunt

Checklist” Activity Page printed on cardstock, Crayons, Painter’s tape

What You Do: Print “The Great Coin Hunt” on cardstock and cut one set per group. Print “The Great Coin Hunt Checklist” on cardstock one per small group (can’t reuse for other services). Hide or tape pictures face down around the room.

What You Say: “We are going on a hunt to find all these things. *(Hold up the checklist.)* *(Give each small group leader a checklist and a crayon.)* Let’s walk together as we hunt! *(Pause.)* What did you find, [Child’s name]? The cookie? Great! Find the cookie on our list and put a check on it. Wow, [Child’s name], you found the clock! Let’s mark it on our list. *(Continue as they find items.)* *(When a child finds the coin, celebrate.)* You found it! You found the lost coin! Hooray! Look at the list. Did we find everything? *(Pause.)* We did it! You all did an amazing job finding everything, especially that one lost coin! The woman in Jesus’ story was so happy when she found her one special coin because it was very important to her. Jesus told that story to show us that we are special and important to God too. God loves you so much and gave us Jesus so we could be part of His kingdom forever! **Who can be part of God’s kingdom? [Bottom Line] I can be part of God’s kingdom!”**