

February 18, 2018

Morning Overview

Lesson: *Lost Sheep and Lost Coin*

Lesson Objective: To communicate to children that God always keeps His promises despite circumstances and even our inability to trust Him. God kept His greatest and best promise by sending His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sins.

Today our children learn about Jesus' stories on the lost sheep and the lost coin. Both stories are in contrast to the religious leader's complaints of Jesus. Religious leaders complain about who Jesus is with and what he does with them. Their idea of what it means to love God and neighbor is vastly different than what God wants and desires. This is evident in Jesus' mission and life: He comes to seek and to save that which is lost (Luke 19:10). Those that are lost – us, sinners – Jesus has come to find just like the sheep and coin. In our finding, there is jubilation and joy that a sinner has had their heart changed to love the Lord.

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

9:30am Sunday Schedule

Opening Activity: Hedbanz

Cherub Church

- Kindergarten/5's – 9:35-10:00 (Classroom's: 162, 121, 123, 124)
- 3's/4's – 10:05-10:30 (Classroom's: 168, 166, 165, 164, 163)

Craft: Lost Sheep

Supplies: Cup, paper grass, sheep, craft stick, glue, crayons/markers

Instructions:

1. Color cup to look like grass
2. Glue paper grass to bottom edge of cup
3. Glue sheep to one end of craft stick
4. Please opposite side of craft stick into slit in bottom of cup. Slide stick down to hide sheep, back up so sheep is found.



Relay of the Day: Hide and Seek: Lost Coin & Sheep

Snack

11am Sunday Schedule

Opening Activity: Hedbanz

- **Cherub Church** for 3's (Classroom's: 168, 166, 165) – 11:40-11:55

Craft: Lost Coin

Supplies: Wooden coin, foil, craft stick

Instructions:

1. Wrap foil around coin
2. Using craft stick, etch cross or other marking onto foil to look like a coin



Relay of the Day: Hide and Seek: Lost Coin & Sheep

Story: *The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin*

1. **PRAY** for your time and any requests the children may have.
2. **ASK** the transition question: Boys and girls, have you ever lost something? [Allow time for answers] In our story today Jesus tells two stories about lost stuff, but He tells everyone those things will be found! Let's find out what is lost in our story today...
3. **TELL** the Story. Use the Vos Children's Bible, the Jesus Storybook Bible, the Beginner's Bible, or the story below to aid in telling the story. Feel free to edit and adapt to your own style. Include props and teaching aids as you see fit.
4. **REVIEW** the questions to help children understand the story.

Teaching Summary:

- God's promises do not change despite circumstances, people and even our inability to believe them. God keeps His promises even when we do not trust Him or follow His commands.
- For many, many years God's people expected the Promised One – a King – to come and make all things right.
- Jesus continued to teach and minister to many especially "sinners."
- The religious leaders continued to observe Jesus at a distance often complaining about him.
- Jesus told two stories to help illustrate God's love for sinners, or the lost. He told a story about a sheep and a shepherd, and then a woman and a lost coin.
- Both stories are about God's rescuing the lost (us, sinners) to change their hearts to love Him.

Story

Transition

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The Lost Sheep

Everyday Jesus would teach people who wanted to learn more about Him, His Kingdom and what it meant to follow Him. One day many tax collectors – people who collected money from citizens – and sinners came to listen to Jesus. The strict religious teachers of the day, the Pharisees, and teachers of the law started to complain: "Look! This man welcomes sinners and even eats with them!" The Pharisees and teachers of the law thought they knew what it meant to follow God and to keep His commands, but they did not. To help the Pharisees and teachers of the law understand and know what God wanted, Jesus told them a few stories. The first story was about a lost sheep.

"Suppose one of you has 100 sheep, but he loses 1 of them. Then he will leave the other 99 sheep alone and go out and look for the lost sheep." Jesus went on, "The man will keep on searching for the lost sheep until he finds it. And when he finds it, the man is very happy. He puts it on his shoulders and goes home. He calls to his friends and neighbors and says, 'Be happy with me because I found my lost sheep!'" Then Jesus says something very important to all the people listening – all the tax collectors, sinners, Pharisees and teachers of the law; he says, "In the same way, I tell you there is much joy in heaven when 1 sinner changes his heart. There is more joy for that 1 sinner than there is for 99 good people who don't need to change." Jesus wanted the Pharisees and teachers of the law to know God wants people to turn to him. God wants people to know that He truly does love them and will rescue them. But Jesus knew that one story was not enough! Two stories were much better! So, Jesus told a story about money.

The Lost Coin

"Suppose a woman has ten silver coins, but she loses one of them." Silver was very expensive, and to have it meant great wealth. Jesus continued to tell the story, "The woman will light a lamp and clean the house. She will move furniture around, look in small nooks, and retrace her steps. She will look carefully for the coin until she finds it. And when she finds it, she will call her friends and neighbors and say, 'Be happy with me because I have found the coin that I

lost!” Jesus wanted all who were in the crowd to hear this important message: “In the same way, there is joy before the angels of God when 1 sinner changes his heart.” Jesus was sent to tell people that God wanted to change their hearts. God wants people to stop loving other things, and to love Him. This is why Jesus came! To show God’s love for us, and to turn our hearts back to God.

Questions for Review

Questions for Younger Children:

- Who came to hear Jesus teach?
- Why were the Pharisees and teachers of law complaining?
- What is lost in the first story?
- What does the shepherd do?
- When he finds the sheep, what does the shepherd do?
- What is lost in the second story?
- What does the woman do to find the lost coin?
- What does heaven rejoice over?

Questions for Older Children:

- What does the story tell us about God?
- What does this story tell us about God’s faithfulness?
- What does this story tell us about God’s love for us?

Scripture Memory for February:

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. (Luke 18:14)

Catechism Questions (1-20)

Hymn of the Month:

Jesus Loves Me This I Know