

SERIES OVERVIEW

Jesus often used short stories, or parables, to teach big ideas. In this series, we'll look at three parables Jesus used so students can discover that everyone has value, everyone is invited into God's story, and God never stops searching for those he loves.

BOTTOM LINE

Let your light shine by extending an invitation.

SCRIPTURE

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." // Luke 15:8–10 NIV

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Small group leaders, use the questions below to guide your conversation.

CONVERSATION STARTERS *(Start with fun, low-pressure questions.)*

- What has been your favorite costume or game today?
- If you had to search the entire building for one piece of candy, what candy would make it worth the effort?
- What do you think the amount of time someone spends searching for something says about how valuable it is to them?

WHAT GOD SAYS

- **Read Luke 15:8–10 together.** Why do you think the woman searched so carefully for one lost coin?
- What does this story teach us about God's heart for people who are far from him?
- How does it change the way you see yourself knowing that God never stops searching for you?

WHAT WE CAN DO

- **Leader Tip:** Some students may already know Jesus, while others may still have questions. Encourage everyone to take one step toward God this week, wherever they are in their faith journey.
- What's one thing that stood out to you about God's love from today's story?

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- What's one step you can take this week to move closer to God? (Pray, read Scripture, ask questions, attend church, talk with a leader, etc.)
- How can our small group help remind one another that God never stops searching for us?

PRAY TOGETHER

LEADERS – *Encourage students to extend an invitation!*