

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Luke 15:8-10

Lesson Objective: The student will learn there is joy in recovering one that is lost.

Materials: 10 coins or items of teacher's choice.

Memory Verse: "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15:10).

Lesson Summary

Have you ever lost something that was important to you? (Allow students to respond.) How did it make you feel? In Luke 15:8, we read that if a woman had ten pieces of silver and lost one piece, would she not sweep her house and look and look until she found it? The Bible goes on to say in verse 9 that when she found the piece of silver, she called her friends and neighbors together telling them to rejoice with her that she found what she had lost. How did you feel when you found something important to you that you had lost? Did you want to tell others and were you super happy? Do you know when a sinner repents and becomes a child of God, the angels are very happy because someone who was lost and separated from God has been found. There are billions of people on the earth, yet it is a big deal when just one person repents and becomes a child of God. It is a big deal to God and His angels! Isn't it amazing to think when we repent and become a child of God, heaven rejoices over us? Not only does it bring joy to those around us, but it also brings joy to the angels of God! Do you know Jesus? Does He rule your heart? Ask Him to be your Savior and Lord, so that you can bring joy to the angels of heaven and rejoice with your loved ones too!

**Bible Point:
Rejoice!**



Ideas to Illuminate:

Bring 10 coins or other items to class. Hide one item in your classroom area for a student to find. Have students take turns finding the lost item. When the item is found, have all the students rejoice together!

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Are you happy when you lose something?
2. How do you feel when you find something you had lost?
3. When someone repents, who rejoices?

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Luke 15:11-32

Lesson Objective: The student will learn that God wants to have a right relationship with him/her.

Materials: Balloons, streamers, and treats or snacks for students.

Memory Verse: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7).

Lesson Summary

In Luke 15:11-32 the Bible tells us about a son who asked his father to give him his part of his inheritance. His father gave it to him, and the son moved away, wasted all his goods, and lived a bad life. The son ended up having to feed pigs as his job. He got so hungry that he was ready to eat the pig's food. Seeing how bad his life had become, he decided he would go back to his father. He decided to tell his father he had done wrong and that he was no longer worthy to be called his son. He traveled back to his father, and when his father saw him, he ran to him with compassion. His father rejoiced and celebrated with festivities that his son had come home. Do you know God feels the same way about us, if we turn from living a bad life and run home to Him? No matter what bad things we have done, God still wants us to come to Him, ask forgiveness, and recognize He is our Father. Like the son in this parable, people have forgotten God, lived wrong and messed their lives up. Maybe they have no money, no family, and no job. But guess what? God can still fulfill all the needs they have in their lives! God wants to be our All in All! When we do turn from our bad lives and run to Christ, he is so happy that we have come home. God, like the son's father, has his arms wide open waiting to embrace us. God desires for us to have a loving relationship with Him, our heavenly Father!

Bible Point:
Come home
to Jesus.



Ideas to Illuminate:

Decorate the classroom with a few items such as balloons, streamers, and so on. Have students take turns acting out the roles of the father, the lost son, and the party guests. Serve light snacks with the students as a celebration of coming home.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. If we have lived a bad life, will God forgive us?
2. What must we do to have Jesus as our Savior?
3. How does God feel when we repent and return home to Him?

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Luke 16:1-11

Lesson Objective: The student will learn we must do the best we can with what God has given us.

Materials: Paper, colored markers or crayons.

Memory Verse: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Lesson Summary

The parable in Luke 16:1-8 is about a dishonest steward. A steward is a person who takes care of another person's business, properties, or money. This steward got into big trouble with his boss and lost his job. After he lost his job, he did his very best to make sure his life here on earth would be okay. He found ways to gain money, places to stay, and so on. He wanted to gain all this to better himself on earth. He was not thinking of others or his eternal inheritance. He was only focused on his life on earth. We must be wiser than this steward! We must be wise with what God gives us to work with. Our money, possessions, and talents need to be used to be a blessing and to help others. We must do our very best to do everything the right way so we will be ready to get our heavenly reward. We must always be mindful of who we are working for, not ourselves, but for God. Let's remember to use all we have to make it to heaven and help others along the way!

Bible Point:
**Do everything
to honor God.**



Ideas to Illuminate:

Have students sketch pictures of things they have such as possessions, money, or talents, and allow students to share how they can use these to help others.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Who are we working for?
2. Who should receive the glory in all we do?
3. Who will judge what we did on earth?
4. What should we use to glorify God and help others?

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Luke 16:19-31

Lesson Objective: The student will learn that we must put God first in our lives.

Materials: Bibles, paper, crayons or colored markers.

Memory Verse: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33).

Lesson Summary

What is most important to you? — Money, family, helping others, God? Let's read Luke 16:19-31 to find out what was most important to a certain rich man. After reading our text, what was the most important thing to the rich man? He loved having money and buying goods. He lived a comfortable life here on Earth. Whom did the rich man not help? (Lazarus) But where did the rich man end up in eternity? The rich man was in hell because he did not love God with all his heart and have a relationship with Him. He put other things before God. What did you learn about Lazarus? He was a beggar who wanted only a few crumbs from the rich man's table. Lazarus did not have an easy life or have the comforts like the rich man had. But where did Lazarus go when he died? The Bible says he was carried by angels to be with Abraham. He may not have had a great life on Earth, but because he had a right relationship with God and loved Him, Lazarus entered into rest for eternity. On the other hand, we see how the rich man had a comfortable life on Earth for a short time, but later he was tormented forever. Even though Lazarus' life on Earth was miserable with poverty and sickness, he would be comfortable and resting forever. Once you die and enter eternity, it is fixed. You cannot change your place. Heaven is better than riches because it is everlasting. Riches in this world are for only a short time. If you value money over God's kingdom, then you will be in torment forever. There are no breaks and no changing your situation. What's more important, something short lived or something that lasts a long time? Continue in His kingdom until the end of this life because His kingdom will last FOREVER!

Bible Point:
Put God first.



Ideas to Illuminate:

Give each child a piece of paper. Fold the paper in half. On one half, draw a picture of the rich man on Earth, and then draw Lazarus on the other half. Flip the paper over and draw pictures of how the men lived in eternity.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Who must be first in our lives?
2. Is there anything/anyone more important than God?
3. What's more important, something that is short lived or lasts for a long time?
4. Once you enter eternity, can you change where you are?