

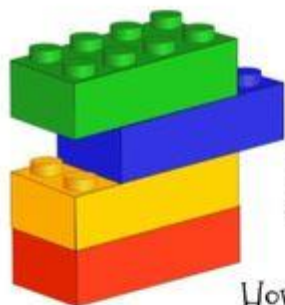
The Lost Coin

- **Ask:** The children if they can remember a time they lost something?
- **Activity:** Scavenger Hunt: Can the children find a teddy bear, ball, tin of beans, 3 lego bricks, something yellow, two piece of fruit, a hat/gloves, a pen/pencil, a toy, something square and a coin. You could do a Scavenger Hunt outside and find a stick, a green leaf, a brown leaf, a stone, a blade of grass, a flower, a pine cone, a puddle, a feather, Bird and animal tracks/footprints.
- **Sing:** Our God is a Great Big God available at https://youtu.be/uZNVaBNzs_Q, or Jesus Love is Very Wonderful at <https://youtu.be/VC4eb8Pk-3g> or Wiggle Freezer at https://youtu.be/tM_wGFVBBmA or Wiggle like a Worm at <https://youtu.be/YenZbKXjYg>.
- **Talk:** When we lose something, what do we do? **We look for it.** How do we feel when we lose something? **We might be sad or angry.** Today's film clip is from the Minion movie and the Minions are looking for something...
- **Watch/Read:** The Minions clip on You Tube at <https://youtu.be/ONgKz3ZlnzA> or Lottie's the Lost Coin session on You Tube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfoRgvwNoapVwiU5UCF2ZMg>. The Parable of the Lost Coin on You Tube <https://youtu.be/yvHxUxjaboE>, Stories Jesus Told by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen (Lottie has this book you can borrow). Luke 15:8-10
- **Discuss:** What were the Minions looking for? **An evil boss to serve.** What kept happening to their bosses? **They kept losing their bosses because of the Minions' mistakes.** Do you think we can ever lose God? **We can't lose him as he is all around us and always with us.** Sometimes we can wander away from God and start to live the way we want to rather than the way God wants us to. We all make mistakes and get things wrong. We can lose track of God and what he's doing in our lives. This reminds me of the Parable Jesus told about the Lost Coin. A parable is a story Jesus told with a meaning - a story which helps us to understand God better. Jesus told them using everyday events and things that people of the time would easily understand. For example, Jesus tells lots of parables about farming, sheperds, money and those in need which are all things the people Jesus spoke to knew well. There was a woman with 10 coins, but when she was counting them she lost one. She lit a lamp and swept the floor she looked everywhere for the coin until she found it. When she found it she called all her friends and said come celebrate with me. Jesus says that this is what God does when we wander off - he doesn't stop looking for us until we are found and when we are there is a party in heaven. Do you think God will ever stop looking for us if we get lost? **No. God loves us so much. Even when we are lost he does not stop looking for us until we are found. We all get lost some times but in those times God still looks for us and will never give up on us until we are found.** How can we find God if we get lost? **We can stop and find a quiet place to sit, talk to and listen to God through prayer. Some people have a special place they go to be close to God. (I go to my room on my own or somewhere quite outside in the countryside).** Share your special place to meet with God. How do you find God when you've wandered away?

- **Prayer:** Dear Jesus, Thank you that you love us so much that you will never stop or give up searching for us until we are found. Please help us to turn to you when we get lost, as you will always hear our prayers and will lead us the right way. Amen.
- Is there anything that the children would like to pray about?
- **Activity:** Make a money box using an old small cardboard box (small herbal tea boxes with the flaps are ideal), or use an empty gravy or coffee tin. Decorate the box with magazine pictures, decopage paper or old wrapping paper or coloured paper. The children could draw a picture and colour it in to wrap the box in, or decorate it with stickers. They can then save their pocket money in them – mayb encourage them to do something with some of their money to help others.
- **Activity:** Make 'Coin Crowns' with a strip of card long enough to go around the child's head. Tape/staple the ends of the card so that the strip fits around the children's heads. Using foil do 10 coin rubbings, cut out the coins and stick then onto the crown.
- **Activity:** Do some coin rubbing using crayons and paper. You could try rubbing otherobjects in the room and see what pattern they make.
- **Activity:** Print out the attached sheets and colour the pictures, do the mazes, crosswords, word searches and anagrams.
- **Play:** With home things such as brushes, mops, dustpan and brush - allow the children to clean and tidy with them. You could hide the coins for the children to find under blankets or other toys etc. Or you could hide some coins in some sand/rice for the children to find using paint brushes to sweep the sand/rice to the side to uncover the coins.
- **Drink and a Biscuit**
- **Tidy up!**

INDOOR SCAVENGER HUNT

- Something that goes on your head 
- Three stuffed animals   
- Something yellow 
- Book with numbers 
- Something round 
- Something with a flower on it 
- Something soft 
- Book with the letter N 
- Something plastic 
- Something with wheels 
- Two things that are blue  
- Your favorite toy 
- Something with a heart 
- Something that makes noise 



The Indoor Scavenger Hunt



How many of these items can you find?:

- Something Smooth
- An Item Bigger Than Your Hand
- A Cube
- Something That Makes A Noise
- Something Bendy
- Something Rough
- Something Smaller Than Your Finger Print
- Something Blue
- Something Star Shaped
- Something Starting With C
- Two Items Which Names Rhyme
- Something Old
- Something With A Face On It
- Something Red
- Something To Wear
- Two Items That Look Exactly The Same
- Something Which Has To Be Grown
- An Animal
- Something Yellow
- Something Starting With T
- Something Pointy
- Something Hollow
- Something Grey
- A Sphere
- Something Soft
- Something Shiny
- Something Straight
- Something That Smells
- Something You Think Is A Treasure

BONUS

Can you spell your name using items which start with each letter?



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NATURE

SCAVENGER HUNT



Flower



Butterfly



Water



Grass



Tree



Green Leaf



Spiderweb



Brown Leaf



Bug



Ant



Rocks



Fern



Bird



Cloud

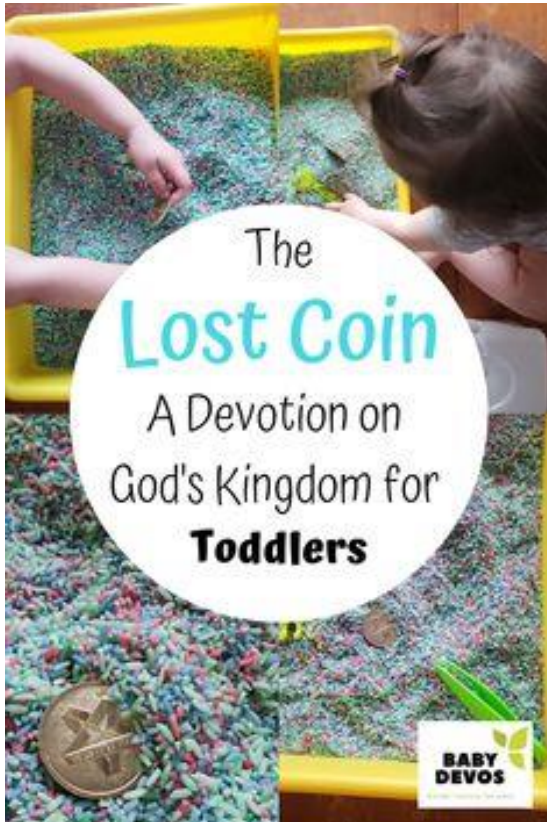


Tree Bark

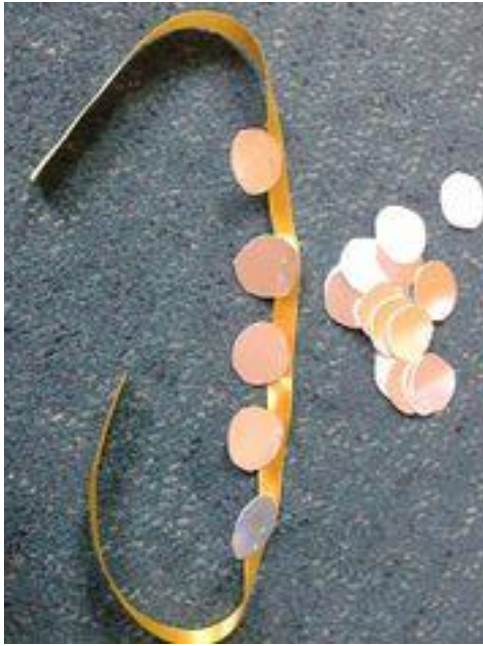


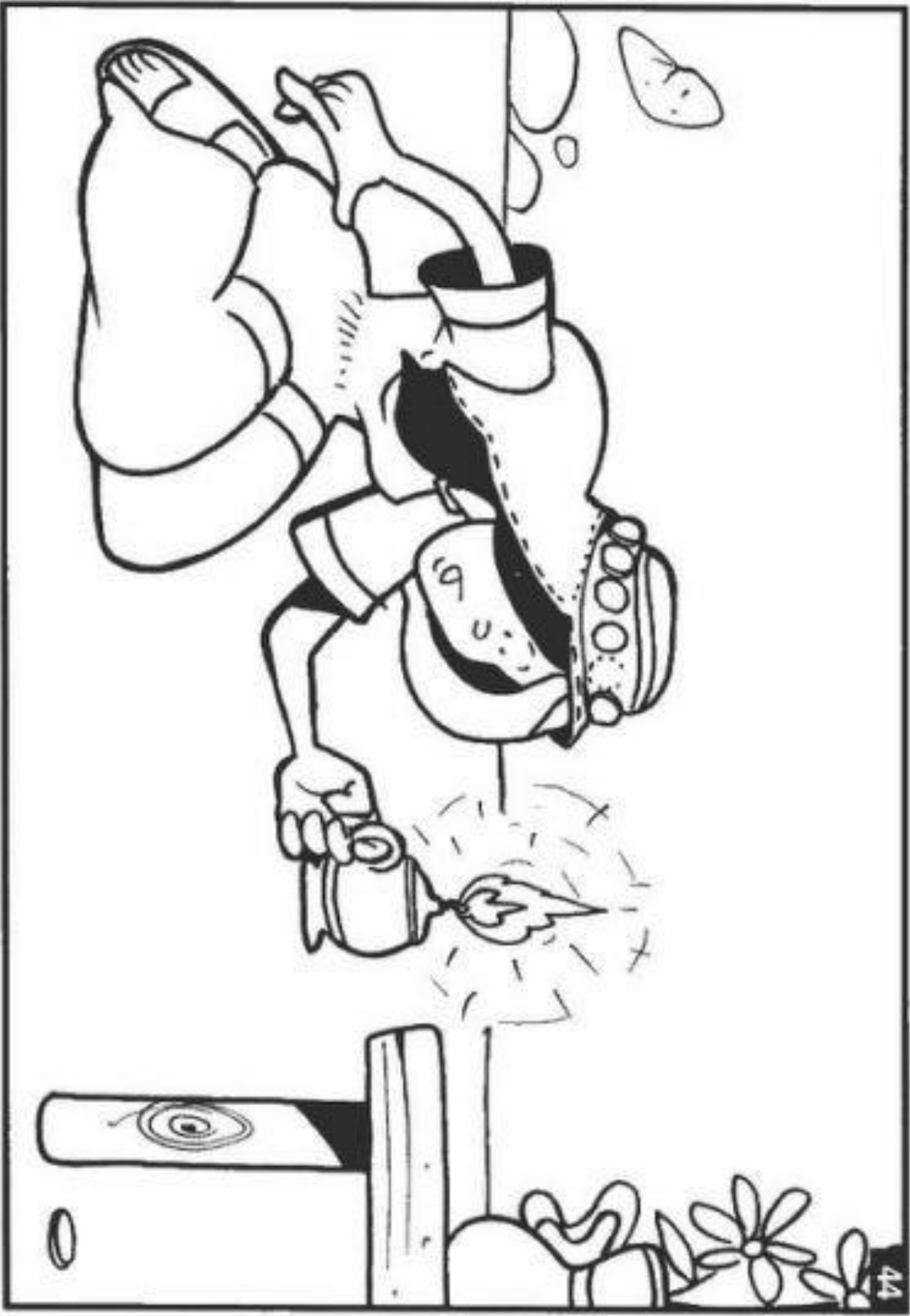
Sand or Dirt

Sand or Rice Coin Search



Coin Crown, Purse, Coin Rubbings and Money Box Crafts



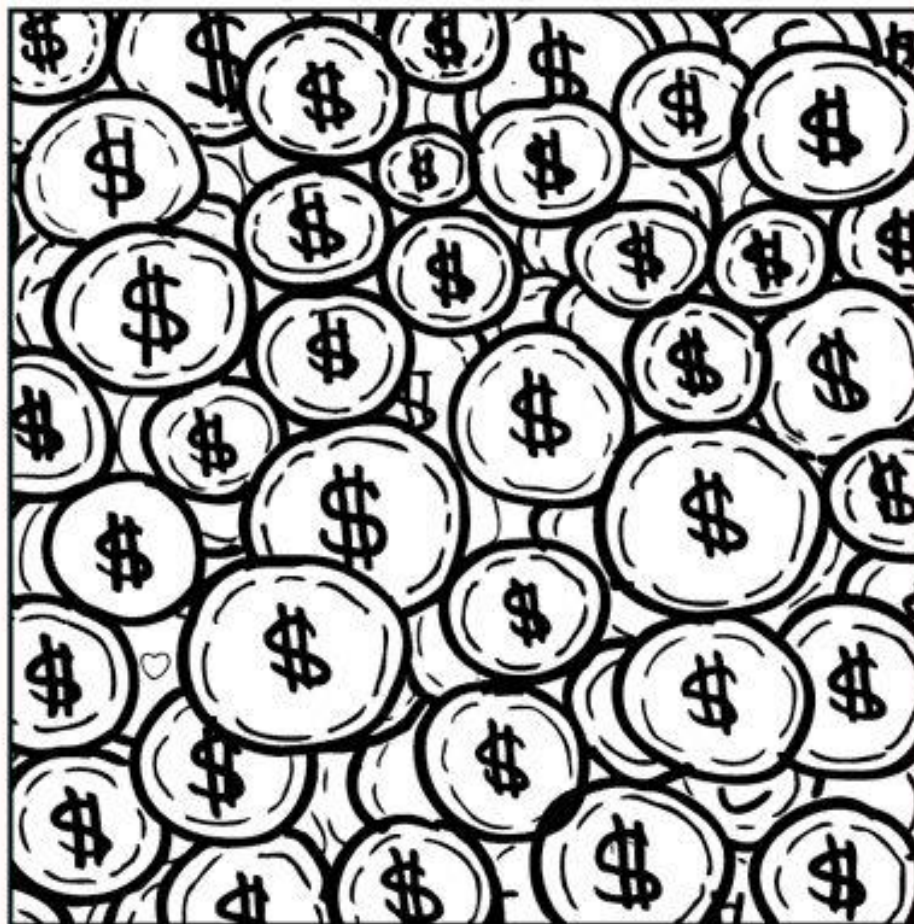




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The Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)

Find the lost coin in the pile of money. The lost coin has a small heart in the center and once found color it in yellow.



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The Parable of the Lost Coin

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The puzzle is based on Luke 15:8-10.

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L Z K I L R V N N B K R Y T A
I O Q E E Y W S E S B G M J P
C D G V U W W Y M R Y N S W J
D N L H L S H Y H U H O U S E
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FOUND
ANGELS
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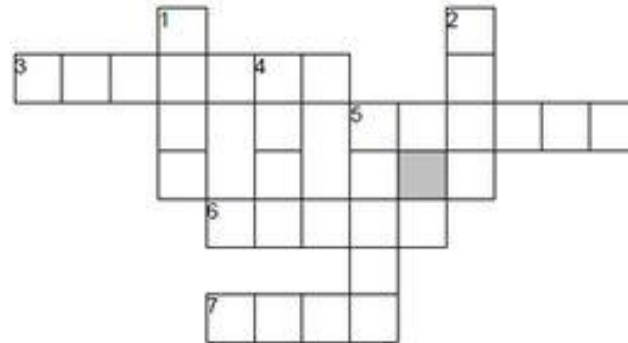
HOUSE
REJOICE
SILVER

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ACROSS

3. To feel or show great happiness about something
5. A person who disobeys God's laws
6. A heavenly being often used by God as his messenger
7. A device placed on a table to give light

DOWN

1. To no longer possess something because you do not know where it is
2. To locate something by searching for it
4. a small round piece of metal which is used as money
5. To clean a floor by using a broom

ANGEL	COIN	FIND	SINNER
REJOICE	LAMP	LOSE	SWEEP