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Elementary Leader Guide

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When Jesus told the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin, He was telling everyone that God values all people. We don't have to be anything special. God values us and loves us because He made us.

BIBLE- The Story of the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin- Luke 15:1-10

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Gospel Page



Leader Devos

The first 10 minutes as kids arrive is a very important time in your small group. Because of this, we provide you with intentional activities to engage their interests and help lead into a great discussion. All of this is so that "boredom" is not an excuse. Everything is only available one time. Every week you have:

- Roku Games to play together that are changed out monthly.
- 2 month specific games or group activities.
- Plus 2 Social Activities. ** Use one now and save the other for an incentive to participate in all the activities.

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, Blank paper (11 per group), Markers (1 per group) Coin (1 per group), Bible (1 per group)

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

In each of the parables we heard, the lost things had great value. The people put on a great search for the lost sheep and the lost coin, and they rejoiced when each item was found. Now you may be thinking, What does that have to do with me? I am not a coin or a sheep. I am a person. That's right, you are! God created you, and He loves and values you—more than a sheep, more than a coin, and more than anything! God values you! Everyone, say, "God values us!" (God values us!)

Gospel Connection: (refer to the 4 Circles poster in your small group spaces)

(Circle one) From the start, God made people to have a perfect relationship with Him because He loves us. God made you, knows everything about you, and loves you so much!

(Circle two) Sin is when we choose our own way instead of God's way, and it breaks our relationship with Him. Just like Adam and Eve, we live in a broken world because of sin, and we need God's help to fix it.

(Circle three) Our sin deserves punishment, but God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to take our punishment. Jesus died on the cross, came back to life, and showed He is more powerful than sin and death!!

(Circle four) When we believe in Jesus, turning away from our sin and asking Him for forgiveness, He rescues us from that punishment and fixes our broken relationship with God so we can live in community with Him forever.

Talk to a leader if you want to know more about following Jesus!

The coin and sheep in the parables today were lost, and we are also lost. However, we are lost in a different way. We are lost because our sin leads to brokenness, which separates us from God. This brokenness can lead to us feeling alone and separate, even when we are with other people. But when we trust in Jesus, there is an even bigger celebration in heaven than when the coin or the sheep was found. That celebration is because when we trust in Jesus, we live in community with God and His people forever. God values us so much, He made the way for us to go from lost to found, and from alone to having community with Him. Say, "God values us!" (God values us!) Let's pray together and ask God for help in 3-2-1.

God, thank You that You value us. Even though we sin and disobey, You still love and value us. Help each of us leave today feeling encouraged knowing that You rejoice when we turn from our sin to obeying You. Help us share Your good news with others. Amen.

Hidden Message

Kids will use white crayons and markers to reveal a hidden message.

Big Goal: See the value God has for those around us.

Leader Prep: Set out supplies. Write *God values us* on the dry erase board.

- 1. Write **GOD VALUES US** in large letters on the paper with white crayon, pressing hard. Write your name on the paper in white crayon as well.
- 2. Pass the paper to your neighbor on the right and receive a paper from your neighbor on the left, writing your name with white crayon on the new paper.
- 3. Continue passing, writing your name on each paper until you receive back your original paper.
- 4. Color over the paper with markers.

Supplies: White cardstock paper (1 per child), White crayons (1 per child), Markers (several), Dry erase board and marker (1 per group), "Hidden Message Example" printable (1 per group; optional)

What To Do: Today we will make a hidden message to use as a reminder of how God feels about us. Write your name on the back of your paper with a marker. Then, use your white crayon to write in large letters on your paper *GOD VALUES US.* Write your name with white crayon on the front as well, but make sure you write it kind of small. (Allow time.)

Now, pass your paper to the neighbor on your right. When you get a new paper, write your name small again on the front with your white crayon. We will keep writing and passing until we have all written our names on everyone else's papers! (Allow time.)

Finally, use your makers to color over the front of your paper. Color over the whole thing so all the names and words will pop! (Allow time.) Wow! Adding those colors help us see that **God values us.** That's a message we want everyone to know!

Loud And Clear: Sometimes life gets so busy that we forget how God feels about us. Sometimes we make bad choices and think there is no way God could love us. The truth is that we don't do anything to deserve God's love. He created us, and because He values us, He wants to rescue us from punishment for our sins through His Son, Jesus. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins so we can live in community with God forever. That includes the friends here on our team. God did this because He loves, and He values us. Say, **"God values us!"** (God values us!)

Let's chat about this more by looking at some questions that make us think deeper.

Discussion Questions:

- What are some special and valuable things you have in your home? (Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)
- What are some things coins and money are used for? (Allow answers.) Coins are valuable, and we may look hard for lost coins because we use them to buy stuff. But God says we are valuable, and He seeks after us not because of what we can do but because He loves us. How can remembering that God values us help us be kind and value other people? (Allow answers, and share your own answer.)
- The Bible tells us that **God values us,** and we are all made for community. Let's open our Bibles to **Luke 15:5-7** and read together. (Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.) When the man found his sheep, how did the Bible say he carried it? (Joyfully.) When we turn from our sin and follow Jesus, God joyfully celebrates! How can we celebrate when people follow Jesus? (Answers will vary.)
- Because of sin, we can think that we are not valuable or think that other people are not valuable. What does our Bible story teach us about how God sees us and others? (God values us so much, He sent Jesus to rescue us from sin and make the way for us to have a relationship with God.)
- The Bible tells us that God created us for community, and He values us. We can huddle up and celebrate the fact that God values us all day! What is something you learned today?

Is there anything you have questions about? (Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.) Let's pray and talk to God. (Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)

God, today we learned what You value—You value us. Even though we do nothing to deserve Your love, You gave us Your Son, Jesus. Thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Please help each of us know how much we are loved and valued by You. Also help us see our need to be rescued from the punishment for our sin. Help us want to follow You. Amen.

In today's Bible story, a shepherd celebrated when he found his lost sheep, and a woman celebrated when she found her lost coin. The sheep and coin were so valuable that there was a big celebration when they were found. Just like the shepherd loved his sheep and was super happy when he found it, God loves us and is overjoyed when we follow Him. **God values us,** and He celebrates when we respond to Him by trusting and believing in Jesus and by enjoying community with others who believe in Jesus.

GOING HOME

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.