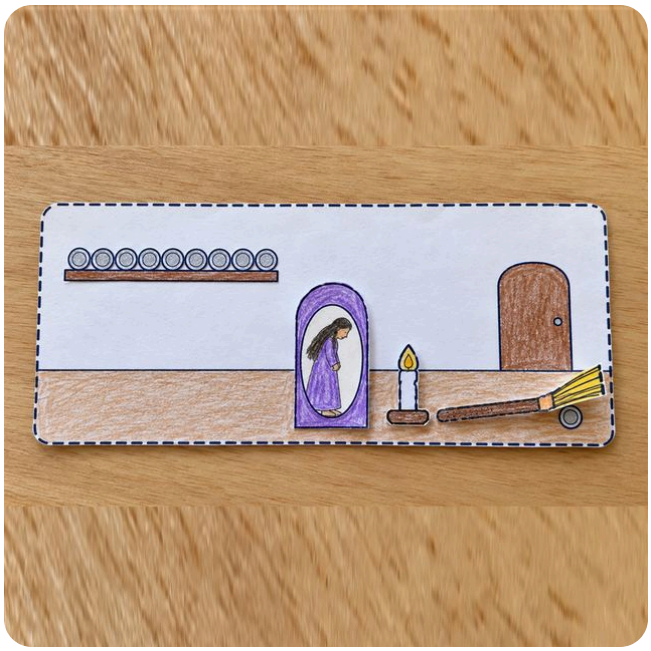
Preschool–Grade 5

# The Lost Coin Craft

Seek diligently till she find it · Luke 15:8–10 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

## What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



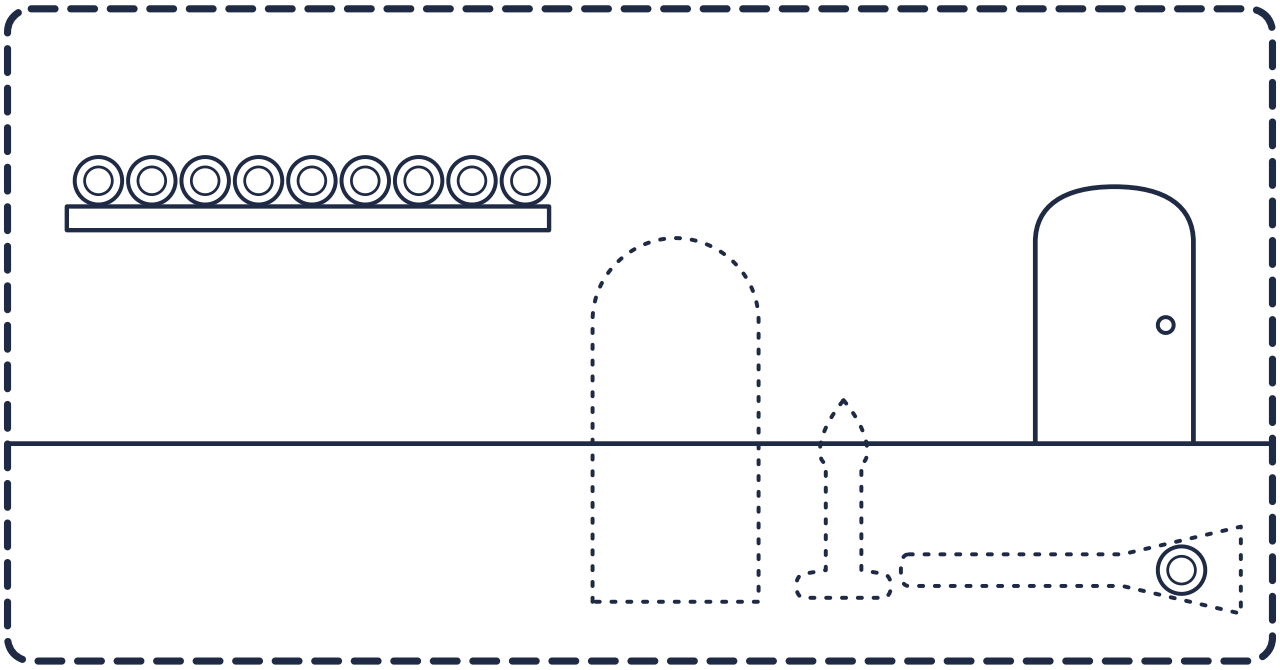
Harder

Both levels are a card of a room with a white wall, a light brown floor, a brown door and a brown shelf with nine gray pieces of silver on it. On the floor stand the woman, drawn in her window with long hair and a long dress, and a white candle with a yellow flame (Luke 15:8). The broom's straw end is lifted up to show the tenth piece of silver on the floor: found (15:9)! Medium (left): the card. Harder (right): the same with a panel folded out to the right, where her friends and neighbours are drawn coming to rejoice with her (15:9).

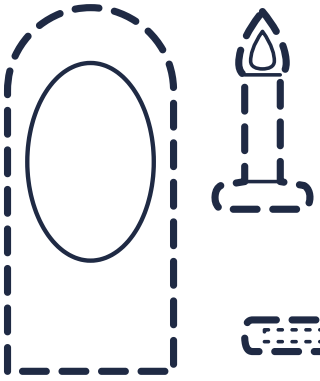

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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



card: floor light brown, shelf and door brown, all ten pieces of silver gray. Leave the wall white.
The dotted shapes on the floor show where the woman, the candle and the broom go.



woman: draw her;
edge purple



candle: flame yellow,
dish brown;
leave the candle white



broom: handle brown, straw yellow;
glue only the dotted part of the handle

**Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy
in the presence of the angels of God
over one sinner that repenteth.**

Luke 15:10 (KJV)

verse strip: glue it on the back of the card

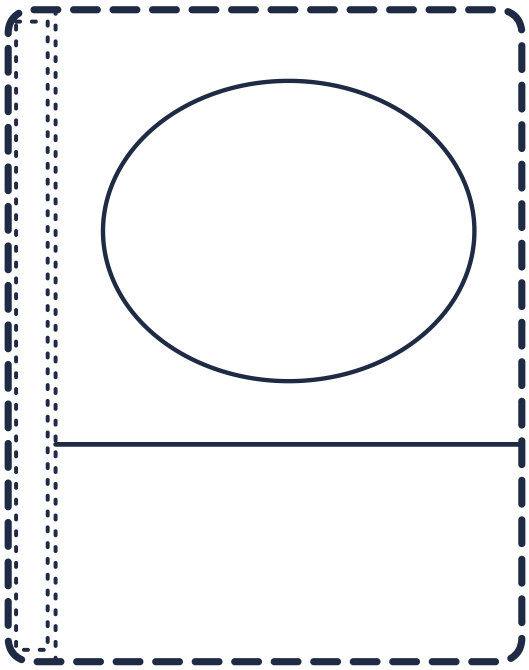
Color each piece the way its label says. Draw the woman in her window. Cut out the card, the woman piece, the candle, the broom and the verse strip. Glue the woman and the candle on their dotted shapes. Glue the broom by the dotted part of its handle only, so it covers the lost piece of silver and lifts up.



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Name: _____

✂ Harder level



friends panel: floor light brown, wall white; draw her friends and her neighbours in the window

## How to add the friends panel

1. Make the card from page 2 first.
2. In the window, draw the woman's friends and her neighbours, coming to rejoice with her (Luke 15:9). Draw women and girls with long hair and long dresses. Color the floor light brown.
3. Cut out the panel on the dashed lines. Fold the narrow tab back on the dotted line.
4. Put glue on the tab only. Press it on the back of the card at its right edge, so the panel folds out to the right of the door and the floors line up.
5. Tell it: fold the panel shut while she searches. When she finds the piece of silver, fold it open: "she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost" (15:9).

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## For the teacher

**See it finished:** a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/lost-coin-craft
**Time:** 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
**You need:** page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), crayons or markers in light brown, brown, gray, purple and yellow, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child.
**Before class:** for preschoolers, cut out all the pieces ahead of time.

## Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces. Kids color, draw the woman and glue the pieces on their dotted shapes; help them glue the broom by its handle only. Help them glue the verse strip on the back.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut and glue. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the card, then draw her friends and neighbours in the fold-out panel from page 3 and glue it to the back of the card's right edge (Luke 15:9). This is the craft in the second photo.

## Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** the floor light brown, the shelf and the door brown, and all ten pieces of silver gray (nine on the shelf and one on the floor). Leave the wall white.
2. **Color the pieces:** the edge of the woman piece purple, the candle's flame yellow and its dish brown (leave the candle white), the broom's handle brown and its straw yellow.
3. **Draw:** in the window of the woman piece, draw the woman looking for her lost piece of silver, with long hair and a long dress (Luke 15:8).
4. **Cut:** cut out the card, the woman piece, the candle, the broom and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
5. **Glue:** glue the woman and the candle on their dotted shapes on the floor.
6. **The broom:** glue it on its dotted shape, with glue only on the dotted part of the handle, so the straw end lifts up. It covers the lost piece of silver.
7. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the card, and read it together.
8. **Tell it:** count the pieces of silver on the shelf. Nine! One is lost (15:8). She lit a candle and swept the house: lift the broom. There it is! "Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost" (15:9).


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## Questions to ask while kids work

- Who came near to hear Jesus, and who murmured about it? *(Publicans and sinners came near; the Pharisees and scribes murmured, Luke 15:1–2)*
- Count the pieces of silver. How many did the woman have, and how many did she lose? *(Ten; she lost one, 15:8)*
- Point to the candle and the broom. What did she do to find it? *(She lit a candle, swept the house and sought diligently till she found it, 15:8)*
- Lift the broom. Did she give up? *(No, she looked "till she find it," 15:8)*
- What did she say to her friends and neighbours? *("Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost," 15:9)*
- When is there joy in the presence of the angels of God? *(Over one sinner that repenteth, 15:10)*

## Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: publicans** means tax collectors; **murmured** means grumbled; **pieces of silver** means silver coins; **seek diligently** means look carefully and don't give up; **rejoice** means be very glad; **likewise** means in the same way; **repenteth** means turns from sin back to God.
- **What the Bible says:** the woman lit a candle, swept the house and sought diligently till she found it (Luke 15:8). The Bible doesn't say where she kept her pieces of silver, where the lost one was, or what her house looked like, and it doesn't describe a broom. The shelf, the door, the broom and the colors are the craft's simple picture of the story.
- **No one is drawn on the template, and never Jesus:** each child draws the woman in her window (and, for the harder level, her friends and neighbours). Women and girls are drawn with long hair and long dresses.
- **No real flame:** the candle is paper. If you act out the story, use a flashlight.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Help with the broom so only the handle gets glue, then let every child count to nine and lift the broom.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free lost coin lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/lost-coin.


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