

**THE SHEEP,
THE COIN &
THE SONS**

**Seeing God's Love
For Lost People**

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Week #2: The Coin





PLAY TOGETHER

Play a game together.



PRAY TOGETHER

Spend time praising and thanking God in prayer.



GROW TOGETHER

Learn from Scripture about who God says He is and how we should respond to Him.



GO TOGETHER

Look for opportunities to share the Gospel, and serve others in your community with your YCI club members.

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How To Lead Your YCI Club



ABC, You & Me

First, the YCI club should stand up and form one large circle. Next, one person should be designated as the "story master" and another person should be chosen as the "opener". It is the job of the story master to decide on the topic of the story the circle will tell. Once the topic is determined, it is the job of the opener to start the topic-based story with a sentence that begins with the letter "A". Once the opener finishes their sentence, the person standing on their left should continue the story with a sentence beginning with "B". This alphabetic process should continue in a clockwise motion. This is a team-based game where the only way to win is for the whole team to tell a story from A-Z.



ASK GOD FOR HIS WILL TO BE DONE IN THESE AREAS:



Club Time

Pray that God will speak to everyone in the room through His Word.



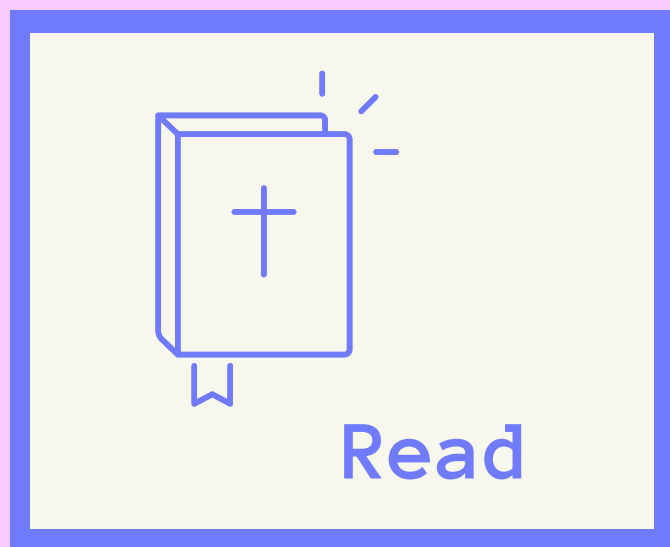
Group Needs

Take time to discuss and pray over the personal needs and requests of those in attendance.



School Community

Ask God to move in situations that are unique to your school and community.



LUKE 15:8-10 (ESV)

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“8 “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’”



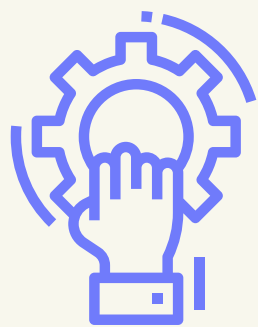


WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT A COIN?



Last week, we learned that the short stories in Luke 15 are designed to highlight God's love for lost people. After talking about the shepherd who left 99 sheep to pursue the one that was lost, Jesus talks about a woman who urgently searched her house to find a lost coin. It can be easy to confuse this coin with our modern bits of metal that are negligible in value. However, these coins were actually "drachmas", and they represented payment for multiple days of labor. What may have seemed like a waste of time was actually a worthy effort to recover something of great value. Even though the Israelites (and us) seemed hopeless and worthless at times, Jesus saw us as being valuable enough to exchange His life for.





Apply

WHAT DOES SEEING
OUR VALUE SET US
FREE FROM?



Insecurity

When we don't understand our value in the eyes of God, we will try to be valuable in the eyes of people. This leads to an empty existence of trying to impress others rather than a fulfilling life of being content in who God created you to be.

Compromise

When we seek the approval of people, it will cause us to live in opposition to God's Word. When we do not view Him as Lord, we interpret morality through our own standards. Rather than honoring Him and living with integrity, we will do *whatever it takes* to be accepted by the crowd.

Selfishness

The incredible value God sees in *me* extends to *other people*. Understanding this causes us to look beyond ourselves and have compassion for the lost "coins" (people) in our world. Rather than seeking our own comfort, we are passionate to see every valuable child returned to their Father.





LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS

(SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS
IF TIME ALLOWS)

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1. If you're being honest, how difficult is it for you to believe that you're valuable in the eyes of God? What makes it difficult for you to believe this truth?

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2. What are some ways that we compromise in order to earn the approval of others? How can we stop ourselves the next time we're tempted to sin in this way?

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3. As a YCI club, what are some ways that we can show the rest of the school that they are valuable in the eyes of their Creator?



CONSIDER THIS BEFORE YOU LEAVE:



Big Idea

Jesus shows our worth by being willing to pay for us with His life. Understanding our value sets us free from insecurity, compromise and selfishness.



Sharing Truth

Who is someone in your life that needs to hear about what we discussed today? Pray for them, and find time this week to encourage them.



Meeting Needs

What is something your YCI club can do to show God's love this semester?

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