

PARABLE of the lost coin

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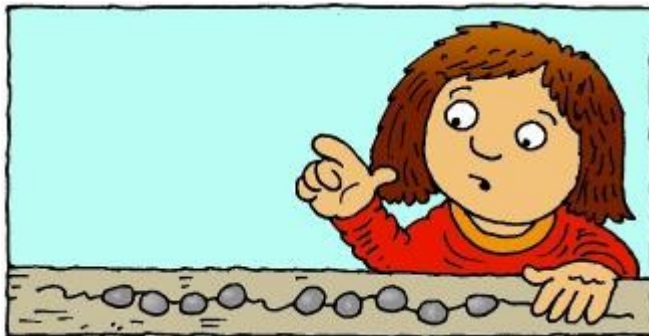
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Leaders from the temple asked Jesus why he was being friendly to people who didn't follow God's rules? He told this story, which also has another meaning.



"A lady had 10 silver coins that were very precious to her. One day she saw that one of her silver coins was lost!



She counted them carefully "1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.... Where could I have dropped my precious coin?" she wondered.



She looked in things and under things, but she couldn't find her lost coin anywhere.



Then she got a broom and swept her whole house, but she didn't find that precious silver coin.



The lady was sad. She lit a candle and searched for her precious coin in every dark corner until, at last, she found it!



She told her friends the good news! "I have found the one that was lost!" she said. Everyone was happy and they all celebrated together."



Jesus told this story to show how much God loves people who are far from him. "The angels in heaven celebrate when even one precious, lost person trusts in God," Jesus said.