

OUR CITY KIDS

PRESCHOOL – Ages 3-5 years' old

****Note:** Parents & guardians, the activity and the game will need the assistance and participation of you!

Memory Verse: “Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love.” Romans 8:39, NIV

GAME:

Coin Search

What You Need: Three or four 16 oz. water bottles (empty), rice, coins (pretend or real), and a hot glue gun

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Remove the labels and make sure each water bottle is empty and dry. Add one coin to each water bottle then cover with rice, leaving about an inch clearance at the top. Secure lid tightly then run a bead of hot glue around the top of the lid to seal.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to shake the rice in the bottles to reveal the coin. Ask the children how many coins they find. Encourage them to share the bottles so that every friend has a chance to find a coin.

After the Activity: Collect all the bottles for clean-up.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “There is something hidden inside these bottles. Shake the rice around to see if you can find the hidden item.”

After the Activity: “What did you find? (*Pause.*) That’s right! How many coins did you find in your bottle? (*Pause.*) One! In our Bible story today, we’ll hear about a woman who searched and searched for one lost coin. It was very important to her. Let’s go find out what happened!”

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to search for a lost coin. Give the children specific places or ways to look. Examples: “Let’s look up high,” or “Let’s look down low,” or “Let’s put on our glasses” (circle up fingers and place in front of eyes).

ACTIVITY:

Celebration Parade!

What You Need: Various musical instruments

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the musical instruments in your activity area.

During the Activity: Pass out the instruments to the children and have them line up behind you. Explain that when you raise your hands (*lift hands like a conductor*), the children may march and play their instruments for your celebration parade! Wave your arms back and forth like a conductor as you lead the children in a march around the room.

After the Activity: Lower your arms as a signal for the children to stop playing and marching. Collect all of the instruments for clean-up.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “What did the woman do when she found her coin? (*Pause.*) She celebrated! Let’s have our own celebration parade. In just a moment, I will give you an instrument to play. When you receive your instrument, you must wait until I raise my arms like this (*Raise arms like a conductor*). Then, follow me as we march around the room. Let’s stay in line, friends. When I put my arms down like this, what do you think that means? (*Pause.*) Yes! It means to stop playing. Okay, here we go!”

After the Activity: “Now that was a fun celebration parade! Why do you think the woman celebrated when she finally found her coin? (*Pause.*) Yes. She celebrated because it was so special to her. Are you special God? (*Pause.*) You are SO special to God, and He loves you very much. One more time, tell me, **who loves you? [Bottom Line] God loves me.**”