



The Lost Coin

Luke 15:8-10

Suggested setting: Kings & Kingdoms Units 5-6 puppet sketches take place around a forest campfire under a night sky with moon and stars on backdrop. Option: String a strand of white lights overhead to create a starry night effect. Adjust setting and puppet names according to available puppeteers and resources.

Characters: Ranger Ryan the Lion is the wise, fatherly forest ranger. He wears a badge and a ranger hat. He gathers everyone at the campfire to tell the lesson's parable. Delbert the Donkey and Lello the Lamb are good friends who love to sit around the campfire and listen to Ranger Ryan tell the stories Jesus told.

Leader (Stands at puppet window.)
Are you ready to sit by the campfire and hear another story? (Children respond.) **Let's call Ranger Ryan and invite him to join us. Can you all roar with me? Roooaaar!** (Ranger Ryan pops up near campfire.)

Ranger Ryan
Roooaaar! Ranger Ryan here. Hello, my little ones! What a great day it is to gather by the campfire. Delbert came with me today. Let's call him out. (with children and leader) **Dehhhhhl-bert! Dehhhhhl-bert!**

Delbert (Delbert pops up.)
Hee Haw! Hi, boys and girls. I saw Ranger Ryan walking through the forest and asked if I could come along to hear his campfire story.

Leader
Delbert, we're so excited that you are here! Ranger Ryan, what story are you going to tell us today?

Ranger Ryan
Today, I'm going to tell you a story Jesus told about a lost coin.

Delbert
Haw! A lost coin! What happened?

Ranger Ryan
Listen carefully and you'll find out. Boys and girls, if you'd like to hear the story, wave your arms in the air.
(Children respond.)

Leader
I think everyone is ready.

Ranger Ryan
Let's begin. Jesus said, "Suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. She will light a lamp and sweep the house. She will search carefully until she finds the coin."

Delbert
Haw! That's what I do when I lose something; like when I lost my favorite truck.

Ranger Ryan

Jesus said, "And when she finds it, she will call her friends and neighbors together and celebrate with them."

Leader

How wonderful! She found her coin!

Delbert

I'd be excited, too!

Leader

Did you know there are celebrations in heaven, too?

Delbert

Haw, you're kidding me!

Ranger Ryan

It's true. Jesus said that when anyone stops doing wrong and starts doing things God's way again, there is a celebration in heaven!

Delbert

Haw! Really? All of heaven is excited? That's amazing. Boys and girls, let's celebrate together. On the count of three let's all shout, "Hee Haw!" Are you ready? One, two, three...

ALL

Hee Haw!

Leader

Great job everyone! Thank you, Ranger Ryan, for this story.

Ranger Ryan

Anytime! I love to tell stories. But now little ones, it's time for me to go check on the other campfires...

Delbert

And it's time for me to go tell Lello the story of the lost coin.

Leader

Will you meet us here again soon with another story, Ranger Ryan?

Ranger Ryan

I'd love to! See you arrrrround.
(Pronounced with a friendly roar.)

Delbert

Haw! See you guys later! (Braying.)

Leader & Children

Bye, Ranger Ryan! Bye, Delbert!

(All exit.)