



Rejoice with Me

The Lost Coin
Luke 15:8-10

Ranger Ryan sat by the fire reading his Bible. Tonight, he was going to share the story of the lost coin. This was one of Ranger Ryan's favorite stories. Just as he finished reading, he heard footsteps. Up walked Delbert, Lello, Granny B and Pops. Granny B carried a basket. Ranger Ryan was hungry. He hoped Granny B had brought some snacks.

"Hi, Ranger Ryan," Granny B said as she set the basket down and opened it up. "I brought some cookies fresh from the oven. Would you like one?" she asked.

"I sure would!" Ranger Ryan replied, reaching for a warm cookie.

Delbert and Lello sat down and Granny B passed cookies to everyone.

After everyone had a cookie to munch, they all looked at Ranger Ryan. They were ready for him to begin his nightly story.

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

"Haw! A lost coin! What happened?" Delbert asked.

"Listen carefully and you'll find out. 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,'" Ranger Ryan began.

"That's what I do when I lose something," Granny B said. "I search high and low until it is found."

Ranger Ryan continued, "Jesus said, 'and when she finds it, she will call her friends and neighbors together and celebrate with them.'"

"Baa! How wonderful she found her lost coin!" Lello said.

"I'd be excited, too!" Delbert added.

Pops laughed and said, "Did you know there are celebrations just like that in heaven?"

"Haw! You're kidding me!" Delbert exclaimed.

"It's true," Ranger Ryan agreed, "Jesus said when anyone stops doing wrong and starts doing things God's way, there is a celebration in heaven!"

"Wow! Really? All of heaven gets excited? That's lovely!" Lello whispered.

Granny B smiled. "It is lovely, isn't it? Before you two head off to bed, why don't we each have another cookie and share some of our favorite stories that Jesus told."

Everyone loved the idea! Granny B handed out more cookies as the others took turns telling their favorite stories and enjoying the wonderful, warm summer night.