

# Scripture

## Luke 15:1-10 (NLT)

### Parable of the Lost Sheep

- 1 Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. 2 This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people – even eating with them!
- 2 So Jesus told them this story: 4 “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it?”

- 5 “And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders.
- 6 “When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘*Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.*’
- 7 “In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!

## Parable of the Lost Coin

- 8 “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it?”
- 9 “And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, ‘*Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.*’”
- 10 “In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.”