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There was a poor widow in a nearby village who had been saving up her money, a little bit at a time. She wanted to buy herself a new cooking pot which would cost her 6,000 francs. She had saved up 5000 francs so far. She just needed other 1000. She had her money in ten 500 franc coins, which she kept carefully wrapped in the hem of her skirt.

But one evening when she looked at her money, she realized that there were only nine coins there in her skirt, and not ten as before. She was greatly distressed by this. For this meant that she had somehow dropped 500 francs somewhere. So she called her daughters and they took two lamps and began to sweep the whole house, in search for the lost coin. They looked under the bed, under the shelves, outside, everywhere. Finally she found it, where it had fallen in the ashes near the fireplace.

She was so happy she did a little dance right there. Then she called her daughters and they rejoiced together because the lost coin had been found.

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*Luke 15:8 -10 Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.*

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### Application Questions

- 1) What should our attitude be when we see someone come to Jesus who was lost before?
- 2) Why does God care so much for each individual person?
- 3) Do the people in your church do a good job of showing the people of the world how much God loves them?
- 4) What can you do among your friends and neighbors to show them how much each of them is worth to God, their Creator?