



## THE ANGELS ARE IN JOY, WHY?

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*In our previous issue, we talked about angels. Slide 2 Paul and Lea asked Françoise questions concerning those who have rebelled against God, Slide 3 Satan and the demons, and Slide 4 those who serve God. One day Slide 5 Jesus talked to the crowd that surrounded him. He told a little story, a parable and he revealed what happens in heaven, what neither you nor me can see or guess. He explained Slide 6 that at particular times God's angels rejoice, they are in great joy.*

*But in your opinion, what may well trigger Slide 7 such joy in heaven? What may happen Slide 8 on earth? This is what we will find out now Slide 9 listening to the story of this woman who has lost something of great value. This is the parable Jesus narrated that day, you'll find her in Slide 10 chapter 15 of Slide 11 Luke's Gospel.*

### Slide 12 LOST AND RECOVERED

**Slide 13** A woman had ten pieces of silver.

- I treasure these pieces, she often said, they have a great value to me. They were offered to me Slide 14 on my wedding day, it's my greatest gift. They are magnificent. They shine; I often rub them so they do not lose their glitter. I have attached them to a chain, it makes a beautiful necklace. When there are festivals in the village, I wear it but I am very careful.

**Slide 15** One day ... what a sad surprise!

**Slide 16** - Oh! Oh! But look! There are only nine left! But how is this possible? Yes! One is missing! There were ten all right the last time, I'm sure. Slide 17 I have lost one!

**Slide 18** She wastes no time. Slide 19 She looks around but sees nothing.

**Slide 20** - Well! I must find it! Slide 21 I will light this small lamp, so I will see much better

She begins a systematic search of the house. Slide 22 She looks on the table, on the seats; she examines pottery, vases, one after the other.

- Really, I cannot see it! Slide 23 Maybe it is in a corner or under a carpet. Anyway I must find it at all costs

**Slide 24** She takes her broom and starts to thoroughly clean the floor. She shakes carpets,

meticulously sweeps **Slide 25** under all the furniture, hoping to see a small silvery shine, a flicker.

A small tinkling makes her jump:

**Slide 26** - Here it is! Here it is! **Slide 27** I found it! if she cries.

She picks it up and rubs it with a cloth.

**Slide 28** -There, my little coin, you are as glittering as ever. You shine like the others. So, Now, I can put you back in your place. You know, I was scared, I thought I would never find you.

**Slide 29** The coin thus resumes its rightful place on the necklace:

- I'll go and see my friends and all my neighbors. I'll tell them what has just happened to me and how **Slide 30** I found my coin which was lost, and all together we will to rejoice.

**Slide 31** And here she goes to her friends.

**Slide 32** - Oh! It's amazing! They say. We are really happy for you. You do not couldn't be at peace without finding this coin **Slide 33** we rejoice with you because you had lost it and now you've found it. It is really wonderful!

**Slide 34** They celebrate all together.

**Slide 35** When Jesus finished the story of the lost coin, He added:

**Slide 36** - It is the same in heaven,

**Slide 37** there will be joy among the angels of God **Slide 38** for a person who asks for forgiveness from God and who changes his life.

### **Slide 39** 1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!

*I find that Jesus teaches us a lot of things in this parable. Let's see together! **Slide 40** What do these valuable coins represent? They represent **Slide 41** each human being, regardless of age, race. All men, all children are of immense value to God.*

***Slide 42** How did the coin get lost? We don't know but it's easy for us to imagine **Slide 43** this woman who searches and searches again, tirelessly; she moves everything, **Slide 44** goes in the smallest dark corners, until she finds it. You see this is what God does with us.*

***Slide 45** He seeks us because we live far from Him. It is as if we are lost for Him. We have all disobeyed Him in one way or another. Some even live without thinking of Him at all, without seeking to know Him, as if He did not exist. **Slide 46** But he is looking for us because He wants to find us.*

**Slide 47** What do you do when you find something **Slide 48** you had lost for a long time, in the back of the closet for example? **Slide 49** You remove the dust from it, **Slide 50** you clean it. This is what Jesus does when we come to Him, when he finds us. **Slide 51** We ask him to forgive us our disobedience, our shortcomings, our sins, our wickedness and He forgives us; it's as **Slide 52** if He was cleansing us of all our trash. He erases everything, He purifies us, and we start a new life with Him. And that's when in heaven the angels rejoice. Whenever a child or an adult repents and changes his life, there is joy **Slide 53** in heaven, the angels sing.

Me, I did it several years ago, **Slide 54** and you can do it too, alone or with your parents or someone you know who is willing to help you with this; **Slide 55** and then, in heaven the angels of God will rejoice.

### **Slide 56** 4, 3, 2, 1 **AND WE PARENTS!**

**Slide 57** Every human being without distinction is **Slide 58** precious in the eyes of God **Slide 59** but also in a situation of eternal perdition. That is why Jesus came. **Slide 60** By dying on the cross, He took our condemnation and thus opened our access to heaven, to the presence of God. But it's our freedom and also our responsibility **Slide 61** to accept or not the salvation that He offers us for free. It's up to everyone to make their own decision. Maybe your child does understand how much God loves him and wants to save him, **Slide 62** so offer to accompany him in his process of repentance and faith. **Slide 63** The angels of God will rejoice. Heaven will celebrate this saved child.

If not, continue to pray tirelessly that his heart will open to the grace. of God.

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