

Use “The Scene” to introduce “The Lost Coin” the Young Teen Sunday school lesson for July 10, 2016. The lesson is found on page 37 of *Young Teen Teacher* by Standard Publishing.



The floods that swept through parts of West Virginia a few weeks ago resulted in the loss of power for thousands, around 1,200 homes, and more than 20 lives. But in the midst of all the destruction, some important things were found—including two campers who had been presumed dead.

The gear and vehicle of two men who had been setting up camp in the Monongahela National Forest in Greenbrier County were discovered and it was assumed the men were swept away. But the men were later found to be safe at home. When the water had started coming, the men had wisely left all their belongings behind and got a ride out of the area.

No doubt the family and friends of these two were extremely glad that the men valued their lives more than their possessions. Among all the loss that has occurred in the stories out of West Virginia, a headline of “Presumed Dead, Found Safe at Home” was a welcome sight.

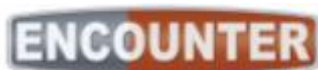
*As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above article to read. Then discuss it in this way:*

**If you were involved in a natural disaster such as a fire or a severe storm, do you think you would try to save any of your possessions? If so, what would you want to save?**

**Think about a time when you found something (or someone) important to you that had been lost. What happened? How did you feel when the thing was lost? How did you feel when it was found?**

**We live in a world where, if you have the resources, it’s relatively easy to replace many things. What makes something irreplaceable to you? What are the qualities that give that thing its worth?**

**These two men in the story seemed lost for a little while, but in the end they were found. Jesus told a story that shows how much God cares for people who are lost. Let’s take a look.**



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