

The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32



The Prodigal Son (The Wasteful Son)- Luke 15:11-32

Jesus told this parable to teach an important lesson:

A man had two sons. The younger one said, "Father, give me my inheritance." So the father divided up his things.

Soon, the younger son took his part. He went away. He wasted everything.

Then the land had a famine. The younger son was starving. In order to survive, he fed pigs for a farmer. The younger son was so hungry he would have even eaten the pigs' food.

Then he thought, "My father's hired servants have more than enough to eat. I'm dying of hunger! I will go to my father. I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I shouldn't be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.' "

So the younger son went back home to his father. When he was still far away, his father saw him and loved him. He ran and kissed his son.

The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I shouldn't be called your son."

But the father said to his servants, "Bring out the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his hand. Put sandals on his feet. Bring the best calf here and kill it. Let us eat and be merry. This son of mine was dead and now is alive again. He was lost and is found." To celebrate, they had a feast.

Jesus taught an important lesson in this parable: that everyone of us who comes back to our Heavenly Father is welcomed with open arms.

Review

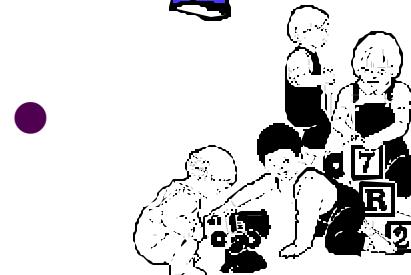
1. Color the son returning to his father. Why did he expect his father to be mad?
2. Color the father. Why was he waiting for his son?
3. How does God feel about us?
4. How does God feel about sin?

Activity - God's Word tells us, "If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat." (2 Thessalonians 3:10) Match the jobs you can do with its picture.

rake leaves ●



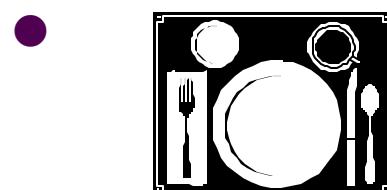
pick up toys ●



put away clothes ●



set the table ●



What God Tells Us - Write the words in the boxes and make a sad face under "SIN" and a happy face under "FORGIVES."

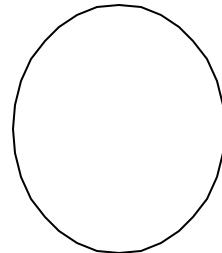
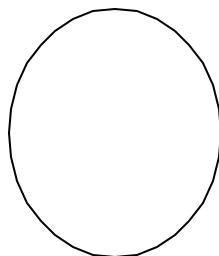
We

Write "SIN"

†

God

Write "FORGIVES"



Passages

Psalms 103:12 - "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."

How close are east and west? Do we have to fear that we are sinful?

1 John 4:19 - "We love Him because He first loved us."

Does God love us even though we are sinful?

John 15:9 - "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you;
abide in My love."

What causes us to love at all?

Hymn - TLH #325 v. 2

Create my nature pure within
And form my soul averse to sin;
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart
Nor hide Thy presence from my heart.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, in this parable You have shown me how much I am loved by my Father in heaven. God the Father has freely forgiven me all my sins. Help me share that saving message of forgiveness with others. In Jesus' name I ask this. Amen.