

The Lost Son

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Love never fails.
1 Corinthians 13:8 (NIV)

The Forgiving Father

Luke 15:11-32

Jesus'
Parables

"Give me my inheritance now!" said the younger of two sons.

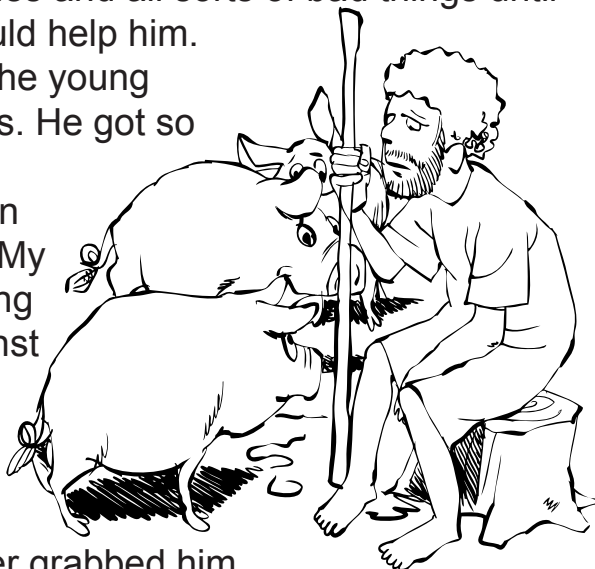
The father was sad, but he did what his son asked. He split what he had and gave part of it to his youngest son. Right away, the son took his money and left for a far country. He lived a crazy life with wild parties and all sorts of bad things until he had nothing left. With no money, no one would help him.

Then a terrible famine came to that land. So the young man became a servant. His job was to feed pigs. He got so hungry, he wanted to eat the pig's food.

After some time, he thought about his situation and about his father at home. He told himself, "My father's servants are better off than me! I'm going to go back and say, 'Father, I have sinned against you and God. I don't deserve to be called a son. Make me one of your servants.'"

Soon he was walking toward home. When he got near the house, he saw someone running towards him. It was his father! His father grabbed him and hugged him. As the young man started saying how wrong he'd been, his father kissed him and ordered the servants to give him new clothes, a ring and throw a party to welcome him home. While they celebrated, the older son came and complained, but his father said it was right to celebrate his brother.

"My son was dead, but he has come back to life!" the father said.

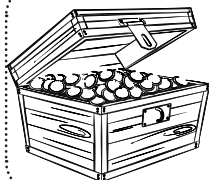


What did we discover?

- 1) The _____ son demanded his inheritance from his father.
OLDEST STRONGEST YOUNGEST
- 2) The son took his money and went to a _____.
GREAT BATTLE FAR COUNTRY LITTLE TOWN
- 3) When he ran out of money, he was hungry enough to eat the food for _____.
PIGS SHEEP KINGS
- 4) When he came home, his father _____.
GOT SAD TURNED AWAY HUGGED HIM



In this story who is like God? Who am I like?



God loves me.

God looks for me and invites me to be part of His family.



**Father God,
Thank You for
inviting me to be
part of Your family.**

