

# Bringing Home THE Story . . .

Pre-K



## The Lost Son

Luke 15:11-32

You can find a link to the whole Bible story on the **Weekly Parent Letter** page where we posted this devotion!

### WHAT WAS THIS STORY ABOUT?

#### OPENING PRAYER

To be read by an adult or older child

Dear Father, Your love for us is amazing! You are always ready to forgive us, and remind us that we're Your children.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

**JESUS** seemed to hang out with the wrong crowd. At least that's was the opinion of the religious elite. To make the point that the Lord does NOT abandon people, Jesus taught the parable of the Lost Son. The son came to his father and demanded his inheritance early. He then wasted the money and sought to return home as a servant . . .

But the FATHER (the real focus of the story):

- had been eagerly looking for his return;
- refused to accept him as a servant and restored him to sonship; and
- threw a lavish party because his son was alive!

**LIFE APPLICATION:** *God the Father has been treated rather poorly by His children. We have been rude and dismissive of Him. We have considered to be dead to us . . . but the Father is eagerly awaiting our return. Daily He sends the Spirit out through His Word to call us back to Himself. And when we return? Wow! What a party in heaven!!*

#### SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD

It's good for a parent to ask the child the question AFTER they share THEIR own answer . . .

When have you been really naughty?

How does it feel to know that you are always loved by God?

Why is it hard to admit when we've been bad?

When a person comes back to God there's a party. What do you think that party looks like in heaven?

#### CLOSING PRAYER

Echo Prayer (Parent says a line and the children repeat it)

Dear Father,	Dear Father,
Thank You	Thank You
for loving me.	for loving me.
even when	even when
I'm not nice.	I'm not nice.
In Jesus' name,	In Jesus' name,
Amen	Amen