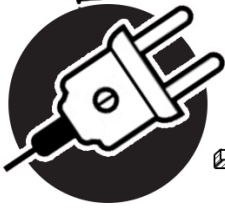




WEEK 3

Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-24)



Connect

Parents: Look for an item in your home that you are ready to throw away or discard. Tell the kids what this item is, what you used it for. If the item has a history with your family, share it with the kids.

Say: Do you think we should keep this or throw it away? (let the kids answer.) There is a story in the Bible about a son who messed up. He's really like this messed up item we have here. I am ready to throw this away but let's read and see what his dad did.



Read The Word

Let's open our Bible and read from Luke 15: 11-24 (NLT)

11 To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: "A man had two sons.

12 The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

13 "A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living.

14 About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve.

15 He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs.

16 The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

17 "When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger!

18 I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you,

19 and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant."

20 "So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.

21 His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.'

22 "But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet.

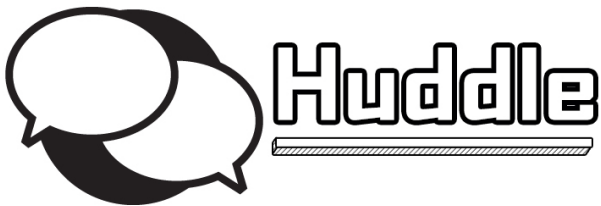
23 And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast,

24 for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.

In the olden days, it is disrespectful for children to ask for their inheritance while their parents are still living. When someone does that, in his mind it would seem as if his father has already died. So the young son dishonored his father when he asked for his inheritance. And to make matters worse, he took everything and left. That must have really hurt his father.

But did you notice how his father welcomed him back right away when he came back? The young son was willing to become a servant but his father took him back as a son. The person he hurt the most not only did not hate him but he welcomed him back as if he did no wrong. Isn't that amazing?

That is how it is with God. Even when we have sinned and hurt him again and again, He loves us and will welcome us back into His arms when we are sorry for what we did. He showed us this love even when we were still sinners. He did not wait for us to become good but even when we were at our worst, He already loved us.



Parent to Kid/s:

2-6 years old

- How much do you think God loves you?
- What can you do to show your love to Him?

7-12 years old

- How do you think God feels when you turn away from Him or sin against Him?
- Would you like to surrender them to God? (Encourage your kid/s with 1 John 1:9)

Kid/s to Parent:

- Describe a time when someone you loved did something to let you down or hurt you. How did you feel and how did you overcome the situation?

God loves you so much. That was why He sent Jesus to die on the cross to save you from your sins. His love for you is so big, so high, so wide that no sin is big enough to make Him not love you. If there are any wrong things that you have done in your heart, do come to Him and tell Him you are sorry. Just like the father in the story, He will welcome you back with open arms.



Dear God,

Thank You for loving us. We have disobeyed you many times and we are sorry. Thank you for sending Jesus to save us from my sins. Please help us to live a life according to your Word. In Jesus' name.

Amen!



Do you know the size of the sun?

Our sun is a bright, hot ball of hydrogen and helium. It is 864,000 miles in diameter, which makes it 109 times wider than the Earth.* According to NASA's solar scientist C. Alex Young, if the sun is hollow, it would take about one million Earths to fill it. Yikes! One million Earths?! That is so big! But I know something that is bigger than that, and that is God's love for His sons and daughters. Nothing can beat nor compare to His big love for us. So whatever your sins are, His love can cover them up. Amazing, isn't it? ☒

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