

**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 210: THE PRODIGAL SON**  
**LUKE 15:11-32**

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger son said to his father, 'Give me now the part of your property that I am supposed to receive someday.' So the father divided his wealth between his two sons. "A few days later the younger son gathered up all that he had and left. He traveled far away to another country, and there he wasted his money living like a fool. After he spent everything he had, there was a terrible famine throughout the country. He was hungry and needed money. So he went and got a job with one of the people who lived there. The man sent him into the fields to feed pigs. He was so hungry that he wanted to eat the food the pigs were eating. But no one gave him anything. "The son realized that he had been very foolish. He thought, 'All my father's hired workers have plenty of food. But here I am, almost dead because I have nothing to eat. I will leave and go to my father. I will say to him: Father, I have sinned against God and have done wrong to you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. But let me be like one of your hired workers.' So he left and went to his father. "While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him coming and felt sorry for him. So he ran to him and hugged and kissed him. The son said, 'Father, I have sinned against God and have done wrong to you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Also, put a ring on his finger and good sandals on his feet. And bring our best calf and kill it so that we can celebrate with plenty to eat. My son was dead, but now he is alive again! He was lost, but now he is found!' So they began to have a party. "The older son had been out in the field. When he came near the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. So he called to one of the servant boys and asked, 'What does all this mean?' The boy said, 'Your brother has come back, and your father killed the best calf to eat. He is happy because he has his son back safe and sound.' "The older son was angry and would not go in to the party. So his father went out and begged him to come in. But he said to his father, 'Look, for all these years I have worked like a slave for you. I have always done what you told me to do, and you never gave me even a young goat for a party with my friends. But then this son of yours comes home after wasting your money on evil women, and you kill the best calf for him!' "His father said to him, 'Oh, my son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But this was a day to be happy and celebrate. Your brother was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found.'"

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"Jesus told the parable of the prodigal son."  
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### **MEMORY VERSE:**

*"...My son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."* LUKE 15:24

### **Review Questions**

#### **True or False**

1. A man had two sons, and the younger brother asked his father for the part of his property that he would receive some day.
2. But the father did not give his son anything because he was too young.
3. The younger son traveled to a far-off country and wasted all his possessions and money living like a fool.
4. After he spent all he had, there was a very bad famine in the land and he was hungry and needed money.
5. He went to work for a man that sent him into the fields to feed his horses.

#### **Questions**

1. Why did the young man not have any money to eat?
2. Did anyone give that young man any food or money?
3. When he realized that his father's servants had food and a place to live, what did he decide to do?
4. When he came back to his father, was his father happy to see him?
5. What did his father do for him?
6. Was his older brother happy that he was home again?
7. When the older brother told their father that he never got any goat or party like the father gave the other son who wasted all his money, and that he stayed there working for their father the whole time, what did their father tell him?

## Lesson 210 Activity

### The Repentance Game

Tape two cards on opposite walls of your classroom. Write SIN on one and REPENTANCE on the other. Tell your class that you are going to read several phrases. Instruct them to face the sign that best describes the attitude of the phrase.

Read the following:

- 1) Give me that toy!
- 2) Take off that hat, it's mine!
- 3) So what if your parents said no, it's only for a minute!
- 4) I did the wrong thing, please forgive me.
- 5) How can God know what's best for me?
- 6) May I please have another chance?
- 7) But I can't do the dishes; I'll miss my favorite show!
- 8) Can I please repay you?
- 9) I hope I never hurt your feelings again, I'm sorry.
- 10) You hit me! Now I'm going to hit you back!

**Explain to your class that repentance is turning away from our sin.**

### Mean or Loving?

Tape two square areas in your classroom (Or just point out two different areas). Label one "mean" and the other "loving." Have the children stand in the appropriate square in response to several phrases you read to them.

Read the following:

- 1) A girl asked her father for a lunch because she was hungry, and as a joke, he gave her a paper bag with a snake in it.
- 2) A boy fell at school and got his clothes muddy; so his Mom brought him some clean clothes.
- 3) A girl broke her mother's favorite bowl by accident and her mother said, "It's OK honey, we all make mistakes."
- 4) A boy wanted to go swimming without supervision and his Dad said, "No."
- 5) A mommy let her baby play with dangerous toys because he wanted to.

**Explain that a loving parent does not always give us what we want, but they always look out for our best interest. God is our loving heavenly Father, and also looks out for our best interest.**

### PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to fellowship with our loving Heavenly Father. If any children have not responded to the gospel by receiving Jesus as Savior and Lord, give them an opportunity to do so.