

Yr 2 Parents' Cheat Sheet

Prodigal Son

1. What did the son want from his dad and why did this make the dad sad?

The son wanted to leave his father. He thought he didn't need him anymore. He made a lot of bad choices, but he made one really good choice to go back to his father.

The father was sad because he loved his son and knew what was best for him. He knew that the boy still needed his father to guide him.

Just like the boy in the story, we will always need our heavenly Father to guide us to do what is right. Without Him we can lose our way too.

2. Do adults ever do things that are wrong or is it just kids?

We are all human! We all sin, but we are also all God's children and we need to try everyday to listen to the Holy Spirit which reminds us that we have done wrong and need to turn back to God. We can pray to Him - say: +God be merciful to me a sinner, +God cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me, +I have sinned without number forgive me O Lord. When we are older we can go to confession.

This is important for the children to understand. This can be an honest discussion in the family that we are all on this journey. None of us are perfect. Sometimes we fall, but we can all turn to God and try again. The example of what parents do is very strong in the eyes of children. If they see their parents admitting that they have done wrong and working to do what is right, it will give them encouragement to do the same.

3. Do you think there is anything we could do to make God not love us anymore?

NO! Even people who do really bad things are children of God and if they go to him and are truly sorry He forgives them. God is more loving and merciful than any of us could be!

Look at the icon that the children coloured. See the hug! God is always waiting for us with His arms wide open ready to give us the best and warmest hug in the world!