

The Prodigal Son Play

Luke 15:11-32

Narrator: Jesus told this story to a group of people who were gathered around him. He told it to help the people understand that God loves them, and God loves you, too!

There was a man who had two sons. The younger son went to his father one day and said:

Son: I want to leave our home!

Narrator: The father was sad to let his son go. But he divided his money and gave it to each of his sons. Then he let his younger son go. And so, the son got together all he had, and left for a far-off country. While he was there, he wasted all his money in wild living.

After he had spent everything, there was a bad time called a famine in that country. No one had anything to eat! The son began to be in need. So he went and got a job feeding pigs. He was so hungry that he wanted to eat the pigs' food!

But no one gave him anything. Finally, he got smart.

The son thought about it for a while and said:

Son: My father's servants have lots of food, and here I am starving! I'll go back to my father and say, 'I've sinned against God and you. I'm too bad to be called your son.' Then I'll ask to be one of his servants.

Narrator: But while the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with love for him. He ran to his son, threw his arms around him, and kissed him!

Father: I love you, son!

Narrator: The son said to his father,

Son: I have sinned against God and against you. I shouldn't even be called your son!

Father: Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Let's have a party and celebrate! For this son of mine was lost and now is found!

I love you, son!