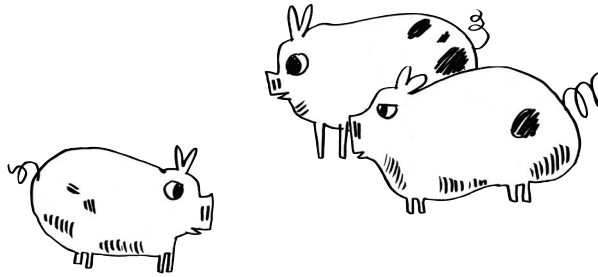


# The Prodigal Son

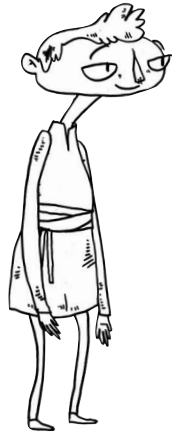
Luke 15:11-32



The parable of the prodigal son teaches us about how God loves us. A son took his inheritance early, left home, and squandered all he had. After losing everything and caring for pigs in order to live, he returned home to beg his father for work. Surprisingly, his father celebrated his lost son's return, to his brother's dismay. Like the father, God loves us, even when we make big mistakes.

## Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



The **younger son** unwisely spent all his money without planning for the future. He shamed himself and his family with his actions.



In Jewish culture, a boy who dishonored his family would be shamed in a public ceremony. Instead, the **father** threw his son a welcome-home party.



The **older son** had special privilege and would normally receive a larger part of the inheritance.

## About the Video

The younger son asked to receive his inheritance money early. He took the money and spent it all. While feeding pigs their slop for a living, he realized he could go home to his father. The father welcomed him with radical love and forgiveness.

- How do you think the father felt when the son took his money and left?
- How do you think the older brother felt?
- Whom can you forgive?

## Try This!

Practice forgiveness this week. Get a glass jar, and fill it with stones. Every time you forgive a sibling, parent, or friend, take a stone out of the jar. What happens when you remove the stones? How does this help us understand how forgiveness works in our lives?

## Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving every one of us the same. We love you, too! Help us to feel your love always, no matter what we do or say. Amen!