

The Lost (Prodigal) Son

When the Pharisees complained that Jesus was eating a meal with people the Pharisees thought were very wrong, Jesus told this story:



A man had two sons and they both worked together on their father's land. Someday the two sons would inherit all their father's money.



One day the youngest son said, 'Father give me the money I will inherit when you die. I want to see the world and have a good time, now. '



The father gave the youngest son his share of the inheritance money, praying that his son would spend it wisely and live a good life.



But the son had wild parties to impress his new friends. Everyone wanted to be his best friend because he paid for everything. He was prodigal, meaning he wasted money.



Soon the money had all gone. When the landlord came to get the rent money he couldn't pay. His new friends disappeared and now he was homeless.



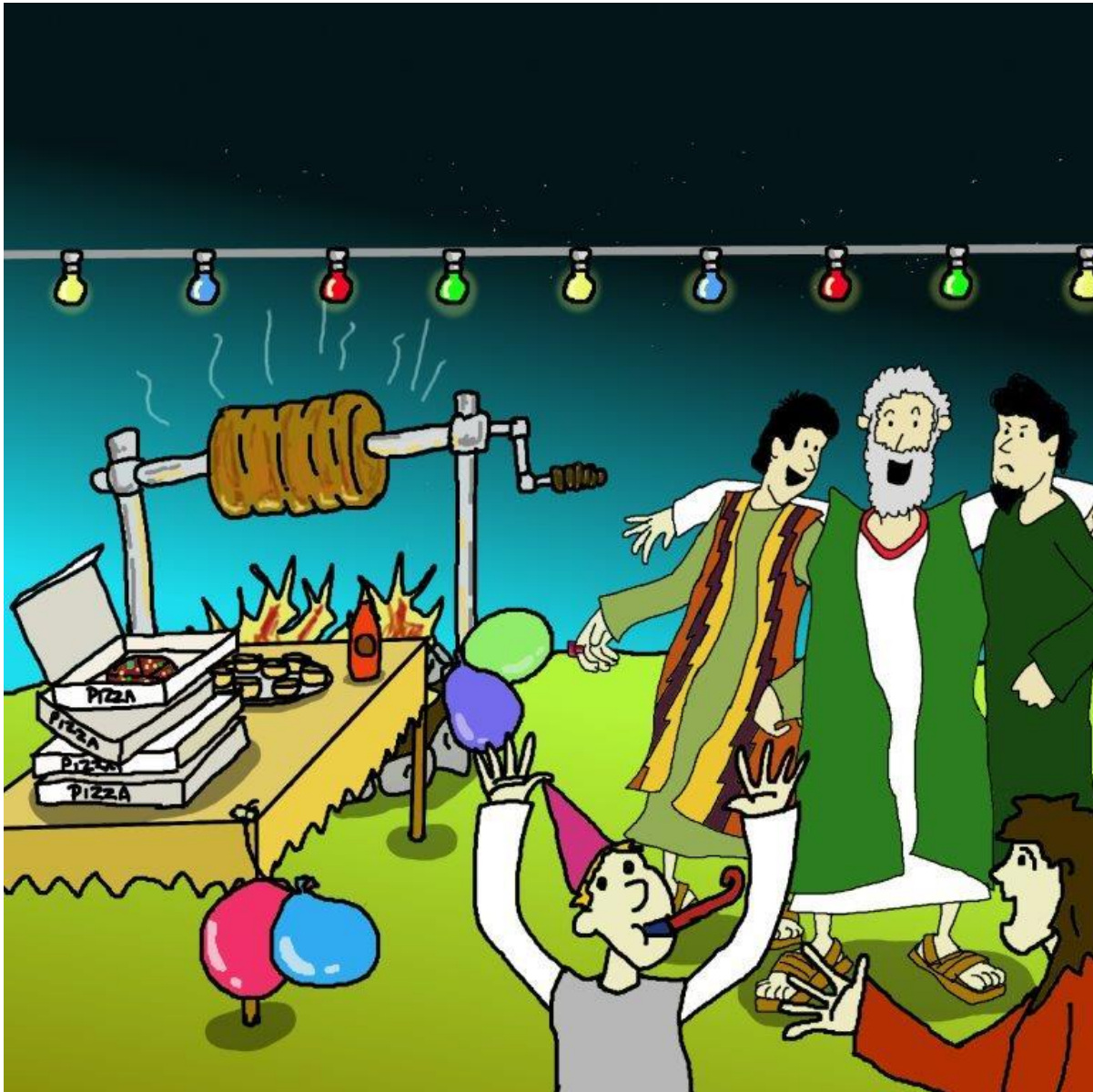
There was a famine in the land and the young son was all alone and hungry. A farmer gave him a job looking after his pigs and he wanted to eat the pig food!



'My father feeds his servants well,' he thought. 'I will go home and be his servant.' His father saw him in the distance and was overjoyed. He ran to meet his lost son.



At the end of the parable the father has a big party with music, dancing and a feast for his lost son, who has returned home! He finds him smart clothes, a new ring and has a roast beef dinner. The older son was very jealous and very angry but the Father said to him, "We had to celebrate and be happy because your brother was dead, but now he is alive! He was lost but now is found."



This is how happy Father God feels when someone comes back to be his friend!

Jesus also told the lost coin parable in Luke 15. When the woman, who lost one of her silver coins finds it again, she says, "Be **happy** with me because I have found the coin that I lost!" Jesus said, "**In the same way there is joy before the angels of God when one sinner changes his heart.**" We are all **precious** to God!



So now shall we try to learn today's memory verse?

I tell you there is much joy in heaven when 1 sinner changes his heart. There is more joy for that 1 sinner than there is for 99 good people who don't need to change.

Luke 15:7

Prayer

Dear Father God,

Thank you, that you welcome us with open arms when we turn back to you, if we ask you to forgive us. Please remind us to us always to turn back to you for forgiveness when we do wrong. Thank you that you are our loving Father. Amen

My son was lost and is found.

Luke 15:24



Youtube Video Links

[God's Story: Two Sons and a Father - YouTube](#) Crossroads Kids Club, (4mins) - the Prodigal Son

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LhHdaKWgKZc> Cartoon Bible : Lost Son story (2:47 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpRh8xedMPE> Superbook! Prodigal Son. Excellent longer film, a modern children's cartoon version (*does have annoying adverts to skip*)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-FH62O_9sI Beginners Bible - Lost (Prodigal) Son, lost sheep, lost coin. (26 mins)

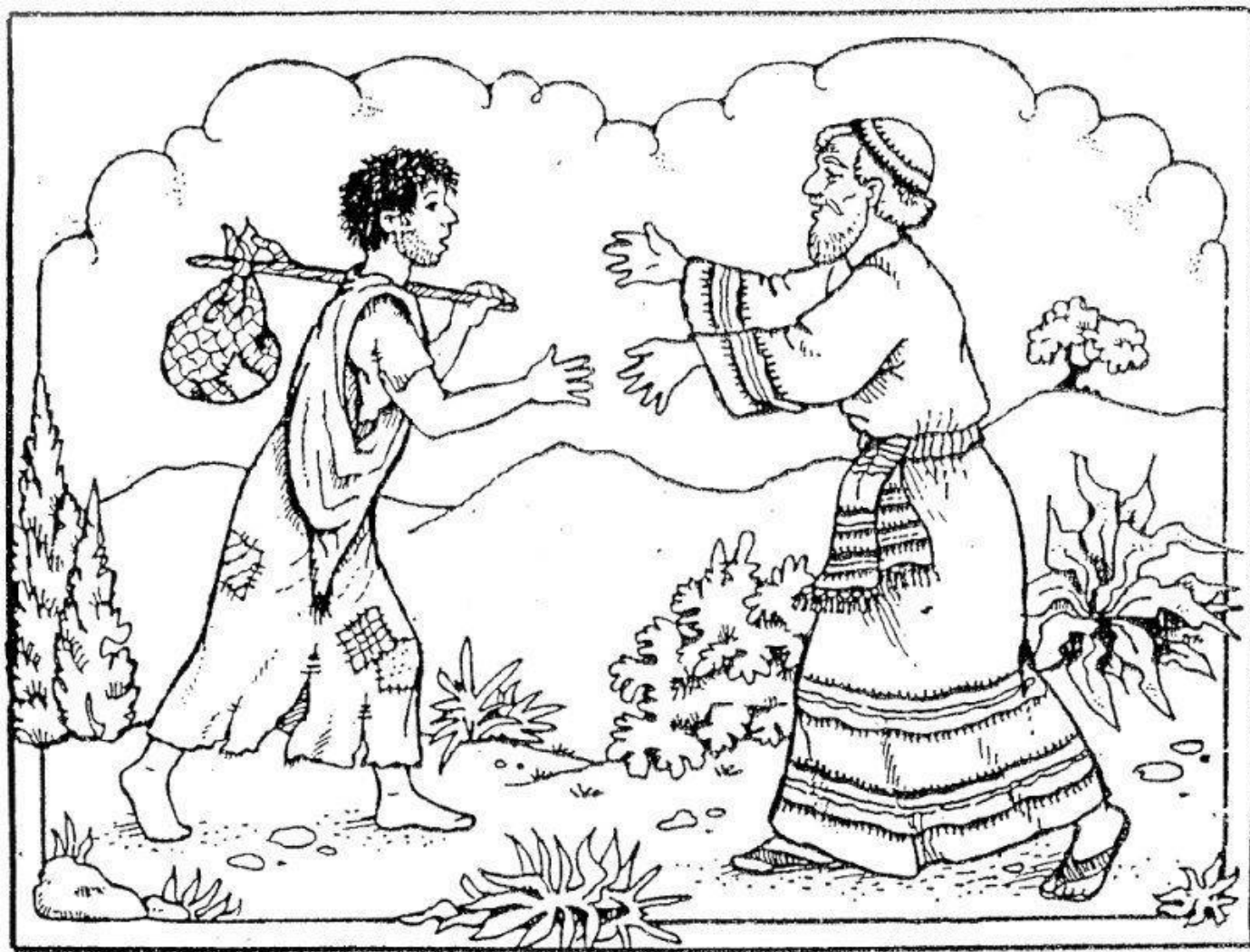
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fw865v3zeSw&ab_channel=Kidswise The story of the 2 Sons. (3 mins)

The Lost Son looks after the pigs

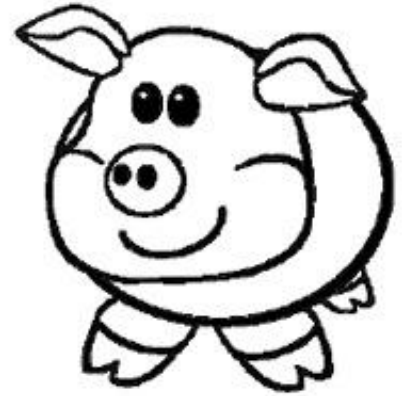
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The Loving Father Welcomes His Lost Son



The Parable of the Lost Son



Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:23-24 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 15:11-32 (NIV).

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