

# The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32



## The Prodigal Son (The Wasteful Son) - Luke 15:11-32

Jesus told this story to teach a lesson:

A man had two sons. The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my inheritance." So he divided up his things.

Soon, the younger son took his part, went away, and wasted everything. After he had spent everything, that land had a famine, and he was starving.

Then he worked for a farmer feeding the pigs. He was so hungry he would have even eaten the pigs' food.

Then he thought, "My father's hired servants have more than enough to eat, and I'm dying of hunger! I will go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I shouldn't be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'"

He came to his father. When he was still far away, his father saw him and loved him, and ran and kissed him.

The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and I shouldn't be called your son."

But the father said to his servants, "Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring

on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the best calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." Then they had a feast.

But when his older son came home, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what was happening.

The servant said to him, "Your brother has come back alive and well, so your father made a feast."

But the older son was angry and would not go in. So his father came out and talked with him.

He said to his father, "For all these years I have been serving you; I never made you angry; but you never even gave me a young goat, so I could have a feast with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has wasted everything, you made a feast for him."

The father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found."

## Recalling Details

1. Color the son returning to his father.
2. Why did he expect his father to be mad?
3. Color the father.
4. Why was he waiting for his son?
5. Color the other son.
6. Why was the older son upset?

**Matching** - The things in the first column are from the story. The things in the second column are what they represent. Write the correct letter in the blank.

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| _____ 1. The Wasteful Son      | a. When we repent   |
| _____ 2. Moving to a far land  | b. When we sin      |
| _____ 3. Deciding to come back | c. God the Father   |
| _____ 4. The Waiting Father    | d. We sinful people |

## Passages

*Psalms 103:12 - "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."*

How close are east and west? Do we have to fear that we are sinful?

*1 John 4:19 - "We love Him because He first loved us."*

Does God love us even though we are sinful?

*John 15:9 - "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love."*

What causes us to love at all?

## Hymn - TLH #325 v. 2

Create my nature pure within  
And form my soul averse to sin;  
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart  
Nor hide Thy presence from my heart.

## Prayer

Dear Jesus,

In this parable You have shown me how much I am loved by my Father in heaven. God the Father has freely forgiven me all my sins. Help me share that saving message of forgiveness with others. In Jesus' name I ask this. Amen.