The Prodigal Son

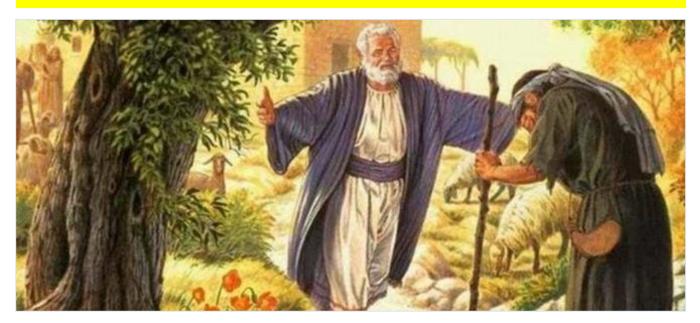
Luke 15:11-32

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STAR Unit 3 Lesson 8

Focus Verse

"For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry." – Luke 15:24



Closer Look

After Jesus told the parable of the lost sheep and the lost coin, Jesus told another parable. There was a man with two sons. The younger son came to his dad asking for his share of their family's property and money. Usually, people wait until their parents pass away to get their inheritance, but this son was impatient and wanted it now. When he got his inheritance, he left home. He traveled far away and started spending his money on so many useless things. But soon, he ran out of money and a terrible famine came to the land, meaning that there was not enough food. He was so hungry that he even wanted to eat the food that the pigs were eating. Pigs were considered unclean animals in the Jewish culture, so this was a very low point for the son. But one day, he realized that he should go back to his dad, say sorry, and ask if he could work as a servant on the family farm. So, the son started to go back home. While he was still far away, his dad saw him and ran to meet him. The dad was really happy to see his son and forgave him. He even threw a big party to celebrate his son's return.

Questions

- 1. Why do you think the prodigal son wanted to leave home?
- 2. Before he left home, he got his own inheritance. What did he do with it?
- 3. What made him think about returning home?
- 4. What did he plan on telling his father? What did the father do when he saw him?
- 5. What does the story tell us about the father? Do you like that kind of a father? Why?

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Discovery

Vocabulary Search

Find FIVE new words in the Bible text and write their meanings on the line.

THINK ABOUT IT!

Monday	Luke 15:11-12				
Tuesday	Luke 15:13-15				
Wednesday	Luke 15:16-17				
Thursday	Luke 15:18-20				
Friday	Luke 15:21-23				
Saturday	Luke 15:24				



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