



Coming Home

A father and his two sons

Luke 15:11-32



Review and Discussion:

Challenge your child to retell the story. Help him or her remember key details by asking the following questions:

- ★ **What did the younger son do with the money his father gave him?** (He wasted all of it.)
- ★ **What did the older son do when the younger son returned?** (He complained that it was not fair.)
- ★ **What did the father say to the older son about his brother?** (“Your brother was dead; now he’s alive! He was lost; now he’s found!”)

Read the following thought aloud to help increase your child’s understanding:

Jesus told this story to the religious leaders to teach them about God’s love. When a sinner turns back to God, God shows His love to the sinner, just like the father showed love to his son in the story.



Explore God’s Big Story:

Together, discover how this specific lesson ties into God’s Big Story. Read the following aloud to your child:

Like the younger son in this story, we are all lost and dead in sin until we return to the Father who created us and loves us. God rejoices when His children choose to change their ways and follow Him.



Memory Verse:

“For this son of mine was dead (rest one forearm on top of the other) and has now returned to life (pivoting at the elbow, slowly raise the top forearm).

He was lost (look around with hand over brow),

but now he is found (hug yourself).”

So the party began (dance and celebrate).

Luke 15:24 (NLT)



Talk to God:

Dear God,
How grateful I am to know You! Help me as I try to help others come to know You, too.
Amen.

