



THE PRODIGAL SON:
THE YOUNGER BROTHER

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GRADE SCHOOL RESOURCES



LUKE 15:16 "HE WAS LONGING TO BE FED WITH THE PODS THAT THE PIGS ATE, AND NO ONE GAVE HIM ANYTHING."

VIDEO STORY AND SONGS:

- SADDLEBACK KIDS (<5 MINUTES) ON YOUTUBE: [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/DJGROx4wFKM](https://youtu.be/DJGROx4wFKM)
- THE BEGINNER BIBLE (~25 MINUTES) ON YOUTUBE: [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/W-FH620_9SI](https://youtu.be/W-FH620_9SI)

QUESTIONS AND CONVERSATION STARTERS:

- THE YOUNGER SON WANTED TO LEAVE HIS FAMILY AND GO OUT ON HIS OWN- WHY WOULD HE WANT TO DO THAT?
 - (TO BE HIS OWN "BOSS", TO HAVE FUN, TO NOT HAVE TO WORK, ETC.)
- THE SON ASKED HIS FATHER FOR HIS PART OF THE FAMILY'S WEALTH AND LEFT. HIS FATHER LOVED HIM VERY MUCH. HOW DO YOU THINK THAT MADE THE FATHER FEEL?
- WHAT DID THE YOUNGER SON DO WHEN HE LEFT HOME?
 - (HE WENT TO ANOTHER COUNTRY AND SPENT ALL OF HIS MONEY.)
- WHAT HAPPENED AFTER HIS MONEY RAN OUT? WHAT DID HE DO?
 - (HE WORKED FEEDING PIGS. HE WAS HUNGRY.)
- WHAT DID THE SON THINK HIS FATHER WOULD SAY OR DO WHEN HE GOT HOME?
 - (HE EXPECTED TO BE MADE INTO A SERVANT IN THE HOUSE.)
- WHEN THE SON WANTED TO GO BACK TO HIS FAMILY, HOW DID HIS FATHER RESPOND?
 - (HE FORGAVE AND CELEBRATED!)
- SOMETIMES WE ACT LIKE THE YOUNGER SON AND WE TURN AWAY FROM GOD, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. WHAT DOES THIS STORY TEACH ABOUT BEING YOUR OWN "BOSS" INSTEAD OF STAYING WITH GOD?
 - (GOD GIVES US A LIFE MUCH MORE FULFILLING THAN THE ONE WE CAN CREATE FOR OURSELVES. AND HE FORGIVES US WHENEVER WHEN WE TURN AWAY FROM HIM.)

ACTIVITY:

- A SNORTING GOOD TIME
 - GATHER IN A CIRCLE AND DEMONSTRATE SNORTING.
 - GO AROUND THE CIRCLE, TAKING TURNS SNORTING AT EACH OTHER WITHOUT LAUGHING.
 - IF SOMEONE LAUGHS, THEY ARE OUT.
 - THIS IS PARTICULARLY FUNNY WHEN DOWN TO TWO PEOPLE.
- LOST AND FOUND
 - HAVE EACH KID COLLECT AN OBJECT THEY LOVE (A STUFFED ANIMAL, SPECIAL BOOK, FAVORITE SHIRT, ETC.).
 - HIDE THESE OBJECTS AROUND THE HOUSE.
 - KIDS GO LOOKING FOR THEM.
 - CONNECT TO THE STORY:
 - JUST LIKE YOU WERE EAGER LOOKING FOR YOUR (ITEM) TO BE FOUND, GOD IS EAGER FOR THE THING HE LOVES TO RETURN TO HIM- THAT IS US!