



THE PRODIGAL SON:  
THE FATHER

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GRADE SCHOOL RESOURCES



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## VIDEO STORY AND SONGS:

- SADDLEBACK KIDS (<5 MINUTES): [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:

- HOW DID THE FATHER TREAT HIS SON?
  - (HIS DAD RAN TO MEET HIM, HUGGED AND KISSED HIM, GAVE HIM CLOTHES AND A FAMILY RING, THREW HIM A PARTY, AND JOYFULLY FORGAVE HIM.)
- HOW IS GOD LIKE THE FATHER IN JESUS' STORY?
  - (EVEN WHEN WE DO SOMETHING WRONG, GOD WANTS US TO COME BACK TO HIM AND ASK HIM TO FORGIVE US; GOD IS HAPPY WHEN WE COME BACK TO HIM.)

## ACTIVITY:

- CELEBRATION POSTER:
  - ON EITHER A SINGLE LARGE POSTER BOARD OR INDIVIDUAL PIECES OF PAPER, WRITE "JESUS FOUND ME! COME CELEBRATE!" IN THE CENTER.
  - EXPLAIN THAT YOU ARE CREATING THE FLYER/INVITATION FOR A PARTY OF SOMEONE WHO RETURNED TO GOD THE FATHER LIKE THE LOST SON RETURNED TO HIS HUMAN FATHER.
  - LET THE KIDS DECORATE THE POSTER OR THEIR INDIVIDUAL PAPERS. IF YOU HAVE STICKERS AND GLITTER, THOSE ARE FUN, BUT MARKERS AND CRAYONS WORK JUST AS WELL!
  - REMIND THEM ABOUT HOW EXCITED THE FATHER WAS THAT HIS SON WAS BACK!
- DANCE PARTY!

- PLAY KOOL AND THE GANG'S CELEBRATION AND HAVE A DANCE PARTY.  
([HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/3GwJfUfYy6M](https://youtu.be/3GwJfUfYy6M))

- PRAYER TIME

- LEAD A PRAYER TIME BY PRAYING SEVERAL UNFINISHED SENTENCES FOR THE CHILDREN TO COMPLETE AS THEY WISH. THE CHILDREN MAY PRAY SILENTLY AS YOU PAUSE AFTER EACH SENTENCE. PRAY SENTENCES SUCH AS THESE:
  - GOD, THANK YOU FOR FORGIVING ME FOR: (PAUSE) \_\_\_\_\_
  - GOD, PLEASE ALSO FORGIVE ME FOR: (PAUSE) \_\_\_\_\_
  - GOD, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND FORGIVENESS: (PAUSE) \_\_\_\_\_