

## Prodigal Son Comes Home

Luke 15:11-32

Card 19

**J**esus told the people many wonderful stories while He was living here on earth. One day He told a story about a boy who learned a hard lesson:

Once there was a father who had two sons. The father loved his sons and gave them everything they needed. The boys knew that someday the farm and all the money their father had saved would be given to them.

Soon the boys grew up. The older son was happy to stay on the farm and help his father with the servants and all the work there, but the younger son was tired of living on the farm, and tired of obeying his father.

“I want to get away and see the world,” the younger son told himself. “I’d love to live in the city and have fun all the time. But I’ll have to have money. I’m going to ask Father to give me the money that will some day be mine.” And that’s just what he did.

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## Prodigal Son Comes Home (cont.)

Card 20

**T**he father was sad that his younger son wanted to leave home, but he gave him the money that he asked for. As soon as he had his money, the younger son left. Every day the father looked down the road, hoping to see his son coming home.

The younger son went to a city far away from his home. He bought new clothes and had big parties and made new friends. He did many things that made God sad. He kept having parties until one day, his money was all gone. When his money was gone, his friends left, too.

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## Prodigal Son Comes Home (cont.)

Card 21

**T**he young son had no food. He got a job feeding pigs, and he was so hungry that he ate the pig's food. Then he started to think about his father's farm. "I wish I had never left home! I thought living in the city would be a lot of fun, but I'm not at all happy," he thought to himself. And right then, he decided to go back home.

The young man left the pigs and started on the long trip home. His new clothes were old now, and he was dirty and ragged and hungry.

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## Prodigal Son Comes Home (cont.)

Card 22

**A**fter many days, the tired, hungry son saw his father's farm. He had not gone far down the road when he saw something that made him very happy.

His father was *running* toward him with arms wide open! And now his father was throwing his arms around him and kissing him. "I'm so glad you've come home!"

"Oh, Father," cried the son, "I have done wrong. I have been so bad you don't need to call me your son anymore."

But the father told his servants, "Go quickly! Get my best robe and put it on my son! Get a ring for his hand and sandals for his feet. Go fix a wonderful meal, and let's

celebrate!  
My son who  
was lost has come home!"



Jesus told this story to teach us something very wonderful about God. God is like the father. He loves every one of us, even when we do wrong. When we are sorry for doing wrong, our heavenly Father always forgives us. What a wonderful, loving God we have!

Ask these questions:

1. Who left his home to go to the city and have fun? *the younger son*
2. When the son had no food, what did he eat? *the pig's food*
3. Did the father forgive his son? *yes*

