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Before He left the earth, Jesus told a story to his followers about a father and his sons.

A Son Leaves: The father had two sons. The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the inheritance." So he divided his property between them. The younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there wasted his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, he began to be in need. So he went and got a lowly job feeding pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

Comes to His Senses: One day he came to his senses. He said, "How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: „Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.”"

Repents: So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him. He ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son."

Restored: But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate.

PART 8: How to come back to God

Jesus Brings Us Back: We are all like the younger son. We all have left God and are forever separated from Him. We all must repent of our sins and return to God. Only Jesus can lead us back to God's side and make us His son or daughter. We can live with Him forever in heaven.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Question: We must go through Jesus to return to God. How can we go through Jesus? You must admit to God that you have sinned against Him. You must believe that Jesus died in your place. You put your trust in Jesus to bring you back and give you eternal life as God's son or daughter. From that point on, you let Jesus be your Master and obey His word.

****Do you want to let Jesus bring you back to God?**

Verses

Luke 15:11-32

The verses and story are based on the story of the prodigal son found in Luke 15.

The Lesson Questions

1. Who is the son in this story?
2. Who is the Father in this story?
3. What does this lesson teach about Jesus?
4. How do we come back to God?

Memory Verse:

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