

The Lost and Found Son

Luke 15



“Be glad! Your brother was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found!”

Luke 15:32

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Jesus told this story: A man had two sons. The younger son said, "Father, give me my part of your money right now. I will not wait until you die." So the father gave the son his money.

The son ran off to a city far away. He spent money on parties, drinks, and women. Soon his money was gone, and so were his friends.

The young man got hungry. No one gave him anything. He asked a farmer for a job. He had to feed the pigs. Even the pig's nasty food looked good to the hungry man. He thought, "I will go back and ask my father for a job."

He walked all the way home. The father saw him coming down the road and ran to his son. He hugged him. "Father, I have sinned," said the son.

The father kissed him and held a big party. "I thought my son was dead, but he is alive! He was lost, and now is found."

The older son heard the music. He yelled, "It's not fair! I have been a good son. I never got a party." The father said, "Son, all that I have is yours. But let's be happy. Your brother was dead, and is alive. He was lost, and is found!"

Questions

1. What happened when the son went to live in a city far away?
2. How did the father act when his son came home?
3. How is the father in the story like our father in heaven?
4. If you have ever been lost and then found, how did you feel?

Pray this Prayer:

Dear Father in heaven,
Thank you for forgiving me when I sin and wander away from you. Thank you for letting me always return home to your loving, forgiving, happy arms.
Amen

Write on the son your name.
Also write, "Alive, found,
home, back with God."
Write on the Father,
"My loving Father God."

