

In God's Big Story

Through the parable of the lost son, Jesus teaches His followers that God loves us no matter what.

Wonder Truth: God Welcomes Us No Matter What

Scripture: Luke 15

WATCH GOD'S BIG STORY



THE LOST SON

[ELEMENTARY VIDEO](#)

[EARLY CHILDHOOD VIDEO](#)

WORD OF WONDER

Work together this week on memorizing this verse!

ELEMENTARY:

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength and with all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'

—Luke 10:27 (NirV)

EARLY CHILDHOOD:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

—Luke 10:27a (NirV)

WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What is one thing you're curious about from this week's part of God's big story?
- How can you live differently or respond to God with what you're learning?

WORSHIP@HOME

[Listen](#) and [watch](#) from our worship playlists any time!

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FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- In God's big story, Jesus taught a lesson using an imaginative story (called a parable) about a lost son whose father welcomed him home. Try retelling the story to your family!
- Which character in the parable do you relate to most? Why?
- When have there been times this week that we sinned and failed to fully love God and fully love each other? What could we have done differently?
- The father in the parable was so happy to have his son home that he threw him a party! Based on this story, describe God. What is He like? How does He feel about you?



LIFE CONNECTION

I'm His Kid!

Find a robe or large jacket, a ring (plastic or real), and a large pair of sandals or shoes. Have all your family members sit in a circle facing one another.

Jesus told a parable about a father and his lost son to teach us about what God is like. When the younger son in the story returned home, the father put a fine robe over him, a ring on his finger, and sandals on his feet. Everyone who saw the son wearing these items would know who his father was. They symbolized the father's love and acceptance of his son. God is like the father in the story—even when we sin and do wrong things, if we return to Him, He welcomes us home! We are His kids!

Take turns putting on the robe, ring, and sandals. Encourage each family member to share their answers to these questions as they wear the items:

What do you think God enjoys about you?

What do you enjoy about God?

What do you enjoy about each person in our family?



HANDS ON

Welcome Home Party!

In the parable of the Lost Son, Jesus tells about a father who threw a big party when his son returned home. God is like the father in the story—He celebrates when each of us returns home to Him! When we turn from our sins and ask God for forgiveness, He will never get tired of saying, "Welcome home!"

As a family, throw a "Welcome Home" party for yourselves. Create a banner, blow up balloons, bake a cake or prepare a favorite meal, and turn on some upbeat music! As you celebrate, take turns sharing your stories of how God has shown you His love. When did you start following Jesus? What has He done for you? For your family? Where do you see Him at work in your lives right now?