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# Introduction

Over 100 years ago the following words were penned by divine inspiration:

“Let small companies assemble in the evening, at noon, or in the early morning to study the Bible. Let them have a season of prayer, that they may be strengthened, enlightened, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.... Let each tell his experience in simple words”.<sup>1</sup>

Today there is still a need for small group assemblies to accomplish the work which each of us has been called according to the great commission to do. Through these small group experiences one can expect to receive the blessings promised. Identifying the present need for small groups and recognizing the hemorrhaging of youth from the church this book was created as a resource for small groups.

The Loving Father Bible Studies is a series of lessons written jointly by pastors Andres J. Peralta and Manuel A. Rosario. It is intended to facilitate small group studies for the youth, young adults and anyone interested in learning more about the stories in Luke 15. These lessons highlight God as the Father, the subtle main character in the familiar story of the Prodigal Son. Through these lessons you can develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of God as the compassionate and merciful Father. The acts of the Father are very deliberate, as they are revealed throughout these studies, the hope is that a desire will be kindled to know Him more. In coming into a deeper understanding, you may feel His loving embrace and recognize a need to be more like the Father, acting as He did in attempt to fulfill His will for your life.

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1. Taken from Ellen G. White: *Testimonies for the Church* Volume 7, pp. 195

Each lesson contains the following sections best known as the five W's:

**WELCOME**

*Icebreaker Question(s)* - these are intended to get the members of the group communicating and provide an opportunity to open and connect socially.

*Share* - a thought provoking quote that should stimulate reflection. You are encouraged to share through social media. (10 minutes)

**WORSHIP**

*Pray, Sing, Testify* - time to meditate on the text of praise as you worship in prayer and praise while sharing testimonies. (15 minutes)

**WORD**

*Think About It* - Illustrative story relevant to the topic.

*Read* - focused text for that specific lesson's study.

*Questions* - questions on the featured text to stimulate deeper focus and understanding of the story.

*Horizon Expansion* - addition Biblical text for a deeper study.

*Reflection* - identify and share personal application and lessons learned during the session with the group. (30-40 minutes)

**WITNESSING**

Discuss achievements for discipleship goals. Each member *Identifies* individuals whom they would like to disciple. They commit to *Intercede* daily for those identified and *Invest* time and or resources to meet their needs following Jesus methods. Ultimately members should *Invite* those identified as disciples to study the Bible. Group members will share their progress and challenges and pray together about their goals and also for the snacks. (10 minutes)

**WINNING**

Fellowship time bonding as a group while sharing light snacks. (15 minutes)

As you enjoy the experience of studying these lessons may you experience a deeper fulfilling relationship with the Father and closer bond with His children. The Father desires to reclaim young people, restoring their lives and retain them for eternity. Will you accept the invitation to be His for eternity?



# Lesson 1

## The Father Who Receives

Luke 15:1-2

### WELCOME TO THE ARMS OF THE FATHER WHO RECEIVES

#### Icebreaker questions:

- What is most important to you in your life right now?
- What price have you had to pay to follow Jesus? How hard or easy has this been?

#### WORSHIP: PRAY – SING – TESTIFY

"I will extol You, my God, O King, and I will bless Your name forever and ever." (Psalm 145:1 NKJV)

Today our special testimony comes from: \_\_\_\_\_

#### WORD TIME

**Think about it...** A young salesman became discouraged because he had been rejected by so many of the customers he approached. He asked a more experienced salesman for some advice. "Why is it that every time I make a call I get rejected?" "I just don't understand that," answered the older salesman. "I've been hit on the head, called dirty names, and thrown out the door, but I've never been rejected." Rejection isn't what happens to us but how we interpret what happens to us.

## Share

"The greatest gift that you can give to others is the gift of unconditional love and acceptance."

Brian Tracy



Man's rejection can be God's direction. God sometimes uses the rejection of hateful people to move us to a new place or assignment—where we wouldn't have thought of going on our own. He must slam the door in our face through rejection to get us to look in another direction. Then when we get to that new place, we thank God for the rejection rather than being bitter about it. (Kent Crockett)

**Read: Luke 15:1-2 (NIV)**

“Now the tax collectors and sinners<sup>1</sup> were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law<sup>2</sup> muttered<sup>3</sup>, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

According to experts, people want to be liked, respected and accepted. However, we live in a world where prejudice permeates the lives of people daily. Rejection and criticism is felt everywhere and love and acceptance is fading like never before. The Bible says, “He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.” (John 1:11)

Did you know that Jesus was criticized and rejected by religious leaders for being compassionate with tax collectors and sinners? (Luke 15:1-2; John 7:5; John 1:46; Isaiah 53:3; Matthew 12:24)

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1. The New Testament indicates that the occupation of **tax collector, or “publican”**, was looked down upon by the general populace. The tax collectors were Jews who were working for the hated Romans. These individuals were seen as traitors of race and religion to their own countrymen. According to Joachim Jeremias, the term “sinners” means: (1) People who lead an immoral life (e.g. adulterers, swindlers, Luke 18:11) and (2) people who followed a dishonorable calling (i.e. an occupation which notoriously involved immorality or dishonesty), and who were on that account deprived of civil rights, such as holding office, or bearing witness in legal proceedings. (J. Jeremias, *Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus*, London, 1969, pp. 303-12). A “sinner,” to a Pharisee, was a Jew who did not follow the Law or the tradition.

2. The name **Pharisee** in its Hebrew form means separatists, or the separated ones. They were popular among the common people who held them in high esteem as the authoritative interpreters of the Tanach (Hebrew Bible). They were noted for their self-righteousness and their pride (Matt. 9:11; Luke 7:39; 18:11, 12). They were frequently rebuked by our Lord (Matt. 12:39; 16:1-4). **Scribes** in ancient Israel were learned men whose business was to study the Law, transcribe it, and write commentaries on it. They were called “teachers of the law” and this was their primary task.

3. **Murmur** is the same word used in the Greek Old Testament for the repeated “murmuring” of the people against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness (Ex 15:24; 16:2, 7-8; 17:3; Num. 14:2). It appears twice in the New Testament, here and in Luke 19:7. Both times it is used to complain about Jesus.

## Horizon Expansion:

*Isaiah 1:18; Matthew 11:28;  
Revelation 22:17; Luke 5: 27-32*



1. Who came to listen to Jesus? (Luke 15:1)
2. Looking from another angle, have you ever felt too sinful to come to Jesus?
3. What can we do when we feel unworthy to come to Him?  
Share your thoughts
4. Who criticized Jesus? Why? (Luke 15:2)
5. Have you ever experienced rejection or being criticized by anyone? Why?
6. How did you feel? Share your thoughts

**WITNESSING:** Review and pray for your goals and state something practical that you will do to achieve it and show compassion as you share Jesus's love.

**WINNING:** Win as a family as you take your snack with gladness and sincerity of heart.

### REFLECTION:

**What is the most important thing you will take away from this session?**



## WELCOME TO THE FOLD

### Icebreaker questions:

- Have you ever lost something really valuable to you? What happened?
- Describe a real-life situation where you stood up for someone/something.

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### WORSHIP: PRAY – SING – TESTIFY

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“The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.” (Psalm 23:1 NIV)

Today our special testimony comes from: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Share

“To know the Lord as our protector and provider is enough to dissipate all fears and dilute all sorrows.”

Unknown

## WORD TIME

**Think about it...** In 1945 Dr. Andrew Roy was serving in China as a professor under the Presbyterian Church. When the communists came to power in China in 1948 he opted to stay. Three weeks later he was placed under house arrest and then interrogated for two years before being allowed to leave. His communist inquisitors were trying to prove that the teachings of Jesus were vastly inferior to those of Marx and Chairman Mao Zedong. Jesus' Parable of the Good Shepherd was prominent in those interrogations. The communists insist that to leave the ninety- nine in order to go after the one was irresponsible because the individual has value only as he or she contributed to the people.

Roy's answer was that the exact opposite was the case. By going after the one Jesus gave the herd boundless security in that each of them knew "If I get lost he'll come after me."<sup>1</sup>

**Read: Luke 15: 3-7 (NIV)**

"Then Jesus told them this parable: Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."<sup>2</sup> The Bible uses different approaches to show God's grace, but the pictures of the Good Shepherd is one of the sharpest image of God's love.

### Horizon Expansion:

*Psalm 23; Matthew 18:10-14;  
John 10:11; 1 Peter 5:1-4.*



1. How would you connect this parable with the previous verses? Does it make sense to you?
2. How do you imagine God's party would look like?
3. Why do you think repentance is so important to God?
4. Look at the parable from the perspective of the lost sheep and share your feelings.
5. Look at the parable from the perspective of one of the 99 and

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1. Taken from Kenneth E. Bailey: *The Good Shepherd*, pp. 200

2. Illustration of a shepherd with his sheep was used so often in biblical times because it was an illustration people could easily identify with in their cultural context. Middle Eastern cultures understood what shepherding was all about. It was about feeding the lambs and the sheep; bringing them to good pasture lands and water; grooming and clipping them; delivering new lambs; leading them and teaching them to stay together; going off after the wandering lost ones; and protecting the sheep in the field and in the fold. We are all under shepherds and Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd. We need to emulate what the Good Shepherd does for the sheep.

share your thoughts.

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**WINNING:** Win as a family as you take your snack with gladness and sincerity of heart.

**REFLECTION:**

**What is the most important thing you will take away from this session?**



# Lesson 3

## Persistent Love & Joy



Luke 15:8-10

### WELCOME TO THE ARMS OF THE LOVING FATHER WHO GIVES

#### Icebreaker question:

- If someone made a movie of your life would it be a drama, a comedy, a romantic-comedy, action film or science fiction?

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#### WORSHIP: PRAY – SING – TESTIFY

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“Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.”  
(Psalm 138:6 NIV)

Today our special testimony comes from: \_\_\_\_\_

### Share

“Through hard work, perseverance and a faith in God, you can live your dreams.”

Ben Carson



### WORD TIME

**Think about it...** It's often easy to look at a “successful” person and think that it all comes easily to them. In many cases this is not what happened. Colonel Sanders went to more than 1,000 places trying to sell his chicken recipe before he found an interested buyer. Thomas Edison tried almost 10,000 times before he succeeded in creating the electric light. “That which we persist in doing becomes easy to do; not that the nature of the thing has changed, but that our power to do has increased.” (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.” (Thomas Edison)

**Read: Luke 15:8-10 (NIV)**

“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins<sup>1</sup> and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice<sup>2</sup> with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”<sup>3</sup>

## Horizon Expansion:

*Luke 19:10; Romans 3: 23-24;  
Genesis 3; 1 John 4:8; Acts 17:30;  
2 Peter 3:9; Isaiah 1:18*



1. What did the woman lose? (Luke 15:8-9)
2. Have you ever lost something dear to you? How did you feel?
3. Why was she persistent?
4. Who does this woman represent? Share your thoughts
5. Why did she call her friends? (Luke 15:9-10)
6. Why is God so persistent in saving humanity?
7. From what does God want us to repent?
8. Is God boring or joyful? (Nehemiah 8:10; Psalm 45:6-7). Share your thoughts

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1. The word is used in the Septuagint as the rendering of beqa, “half-shekel,” which must refer to the light standard for the shekel, as its weight was about 62 grains. In the New Testament the word occurs only in Luke 15:8-9 where it is rendered “a piece of silver” (“drachma”). It was commonly taken as equivalent to the Roman denarius, though not strictly so. International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

2. Proverbs 17:22 “A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.” Philippians 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”

3. In the Bible, the word repent means “to change one's mind or purpose, change the inner man.” The Bible also tells us that true repentance will result in a change of actions (Luke 3:8-14; Acts 3:19).



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**WINNING:** Win as a family as you take your snack with gladness and sincerity of heart.

### REFLECTION:

What is the most important thing you will take away from this session?



# Lesson 4

## The Ever-Giving Father

Luke 15:11-12

### WELCOME TO THE ARMS OF THE EVER-GIVING FATHER

#### Icebreaker questions:

- What qualities make a good father?
- Describe a challenging situation you've been in and tell how you resolved it?

#### WORSHIP: PRAY – SING – TESTIFY

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NIV)

Today our special testimony comes from: \_\_\_\_\_

#### WORD TIME

**Think about it...** It is said that Cyrus, the founder of the Persian Empire, once captured a prince and his family. When the prince came before him, the monarch asked the prisoner, “What will you give me if I release you?” “The half of my wealth,” was his reply. “And if I release your children?” “Everything I possess.” “And if I release your wife?” “Your Majesty, I will give myself.” Cyrus was so moved by his devotion that he freed them all. As they returned home, the prince said to his wife, “Wasn’t Cyrus a handsome man!” With a look of deep

### Share

“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.”

John Wesley



love for her husband, she said to him, “I didn’t notice. I could only keep my eyes on you, the one who was willing to give himself for me.”

**Read: Luke 15: 11-12 (NIV)**

“Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons.<sup>1</sup> The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’<sup>2</sup> So he divided his property between them.”



1. Who wanted his share of the family inheritance?
2. Are you aware that both boys receive their inheritance at the same time and that the older usually receives a double portion?
3. What do you think moved the Prodigal to ask for his inheritance?
4. Why do you think the Prodigal lost the joy to be at home? Why did he lose contentment?

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1. We call this story “The Parable of the Prodigal Son” (the word *prodigal* means “wasteful”), but it could also be called “The Parable of the Loving Father,” for it emphasizes the graciousness of the father more than the sinfulness of the son.

2. To ask one’s father for one’s share of the inheritance early was unheard of in antiquity; in effect, one would thereby say, “Father, I wish you were already dead.” According to Keener, Jewish law did permit a father to determine which assets (especially land) would go to which sons before he died, but they could take possession only on the father’s death: the father was manager and received the land’s profits until then. Thus this son could know what would be his but could not legally sell his assets; he does it anyway.

Ibrahim Sa’id, an Egyptian protestant scholar, makes emphasis that the younger son considered it a misfortune to live under his father’s roof and that he is tired of obedience to his father, choosing rather separation and pleasure. It is good to remember that sin in its origin is the seeking of distance from God.

**WITNESSING:** Review and pray for your goals and state something practical that you will do to achieve it and show compassion as you share Jesus's love.

**WINNING:** Win as a family as you take your snack with gladness and sincerity of heart.

**REFLECTION:**

**What is the most important thing you will take away from this session?**



# Lesson 5

## Decisions...



Luke 15:13

### WELCOME TO THE ARMS OF THE FATHER WHO ALLOWS FREE WILL

#### Icebreaker question:

- If you could live anywhere on this planet, and take everything that you love with you, where would you choose to live? Tell the group about your choice.

#### WORSHIP: PRAY – SING – TESTIFY

“Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.” (Psalm 103:1-2)

Today our special testimony comes from: \_\_\_\_\_

#### WORD TIME

**Think about it...** According to multiple Internet sources, the average number of remotely conscious decisions an adult makes each day is approximately 35,000. In contrast, young children only make about 3,000 decisions each day. Roy Disney said “It’s not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are.” Mary Fairchild suggests that there are ten biblical decision-making steps. They are: **1) Begin with prayer.** Frame your attitude into one of trust and obedience as you commit the decision to prayer. **2) Define the decision.** Ask yourself if the decision involves a moral or non-moral area. **3) Be**

## Share

“It is in your moments of decision that your destiny is shaped.”

Tony Robbins



**ready to accept and obey God's answer.** When your will is humbly and fully submitted to the Master, you can have confidence that he will illuminate your path. **4) Exercise faith.** You may have to resubmit your will over and over again to God throughout the process. **5) Seek concrete direction.** Begin investigating, evaluating and gathering information. **6) Obtain counsel.** In difficult decisions it's wise to get spiritual and practical counsel from the godly leaders in your life. **7) Make a list.** First write down the priorities you believe God would have in your situation. **8) Weigh the decision.** Make a list of the pros and cons connected with the decision. **9) Choose your spiritual priorities.** By this time you should have enough information to establish your spiritual priorities as they relate to the decision. **10) Act on your decision.** If you have arrived at your decision with the sincere intention of pleasing the heart of God, incorporating biblical principles and wise counsel.

**Read: Luke 15:13 (NIV)**

“Not long after that, the younger son got together<sup>1</sup> all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.”<sup>2</sup>

**Horizon Expansion:**  
*Jonah 1-2; Jeremiah 2:13,  
Psalm 32*



1. What was his final decision?
2. Have you made good or bad decisions in your life?
3. What were the results?
4. What have you learned from your decisions? Share your thoughts
5. How did he live?

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1. “To gather” could mean to transfer the farm assets into cash which also meant to (1) disrupt the farm and even jeopardize its future existence and (2) sell them at a much reduced price.

2. Wild living means “Living dissolutely, profligately or unsavingly.” His brother accused him living with harlots. (Luke 15:30)

6. What do you understand about “wild living”?
7. Can someone live wildly and still love God?

**WITNESSING:** Review and pray for your goals and state something practical that you will do to achieve it and show compassion as you share Jesus’s love. Share your thought.

**WINNING:** Win as a family as you take your snack with gladness and sincerity of heart.

### REFLECTION:

**What is the most important thing you will take away from this session?**



# Lesson 6

## Wasting The Fathers's Gifts



Luke 15:14

### WELCOME TO THE ABUNDANCE OF THE FATHER

#### Icebreaker questions:

- Have you ever known anyone who began with great potential because of God's gifts of intelligence or creativity but at the end wasted his or her life?
- Do you remember any celebrity who has wasted a great amount of money in the blink of an eye?

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#### WORSHIP: PRAY – SING – TESTIFY

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“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.”  
(Galatians 6:7 NIV)

Today our special testimony comes from: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### WORD TIME

**Think about it...** A rich man was determined to give his mother a birthday present that would outshine all others. He read of a bird that had a vocabulary of 4000 words, could speak in numerous languages and sing three operatic arias. He immediately bought the bird for \$50,000 and had it delivered to his mother. The next day he phoned to see if she had received the bird. “What did you think of the bird?” he asked. She replied, “It was delicious.”

### Share

“Some people die in ashes. Some people die in flames. Some people die inch by inch, playing silly, little games.”

Unknown





**Read: Luke 15: 14 (NIV)**

“After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.”<sup>1</sup>

## Horizon Expansion:

*Jeremiah 2:13; Amos 8:11-12;  
Luke 6:13- 14; Galatians 6:7-9*



1. What do you think the younger brother did with his father's money?
2. Why wasn't he prepared for the time of famine?
3. Could you list at least five gifts you have received from God?
4. Are we also wasting God's gifts?
5. Do you know that a great spiritual famine is coming to this world?

**WITNESSING:** Review and pray for your goals and state something practical that you will do to achieve it and show compassion as you share Jesus's love.

**WINNING:** Win as a family as you take your snack with gladness and sincerity of heart.

### REFLECTION:

**What is the most important thing you will take away from this session?**

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1. Want is characteristic of the “far country.” The prodigal feels the evil of his environment.



## WELCOME TO THE ARMS OF THE FATHER WHO KNOWS THE FUTURE

### Icebreaker questions:

- What do you do for fun?
- Besides God, who has influenced you the most?

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### WORSHIP: PRAY – SING – TESTIFY

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“Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joyful songs.” (Psalm 100:2 NIV)

Today our special testimony comes from: \_\_\_\_\_

**Share**

“Everybody, sooner or later, sits down to a banquet of consequences.”

Robert Louis Stevenson

Icons for Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Google+, Tumblr, and a thumbs up icon.

### WORD TIME

**Think about it...** Robert remembers one winter when his dad needed firewood, and he found a dead tree and sawed it down. In the spring, to his disbelief, new shoots sprouted around the trunk. He said, “I thought for sure it was dead. The leaves had all dropped in the wintertime. It was so cold that twigs snapped as if there was no life left in the old tree. But now I see that there was still life at the taproot.” He looked at me and said, “Bob, don’t forget this important lesson. Never cut a tree down in the wintertime. Never make a negative decision in the low time. Never make your most important decisions when you are in your worst mood. Wait. Be patient. The storm will pass. The spring will come.” Robert H. Schuller, *Tough Times Never Last, But Tough People Do!*

**Read: Luke 15:15-16 (NIV)**

“So he went and hired himself out to a citizen<sup>1</sup> of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.”<sup>2</sup>

## Horizon Expansion:

*Proverbs 26:27; Ecclesiastes 10:8, Psalm 27:10; 1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 147:3*



1. Where was the prodigal sent? (Luke 15:15)
2. Have you ever done something that you really disliked?
3. How did you handle it?
4. What did you learn? Share your thoughts
5. What did he long for? (Luke 15:16)
6. Why do you think he did not eat it?
7. What can you learn from his situation? Share your thoughts

**WITNESSING:** Review and pray for your goals and state something practical that you will do to achieve it and show compassion as you share Jesus’s love.

### REFLECTION:

**What is the most important thing you will take away from this session?**

1. “Joined himself” is an old verb meaning “to glue together, to cleave to.” The word “citizen” is found in the NT only in Luke’s writings. The “citizen: is most likely an independent inhabitant with his own property. To feed swine is the most degrading occupation for anyone and for a Jew an unspeakable degradation. The polite way a Middle Easterner gets rid of unwanted “hangers-on” is to assign them a task he knows they will refuse.

2. He began to be in want. Many a lost one who has wasted all feels the want so deeply as to destroy his life. Also, “And no one gave him anything,” can possibly mean that he tried his hand at begging and failed even at that. He is clearly not getting enough to stay alive.

**WINNING:** Win as a family as you take your snack with gladness and sincerity of heart.



# Lesson 8

## Missing The Father



Luke 15:17

### WELCOME BACK!

#### Icebreaker questions:

- Who is your hero? Why?
- Was there ever a time when you were afraid for your life?

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#### WORSHIP: PRAY – SING – TESTIFY

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“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”  
(John 16:13 NIV)

Today our special testimony comes from: \_\_\_\_\_

### WORD TIME

**Think about it...** What made the miserable prodigal son come to his senses was not the stench of the pigpen; not the abandonment and betrayal by his alleged friends, or the filthy barn where he slept; and not even the terrible hunger that gnawed at him night and day. What brought him back was the nostalgia, the longing for a home where a loving Father provided plenty, even for the servants. Prodigals don't return by fear or knowledge, they return by love. (P. Perla)

### Share

“There is nothing you can do to make God love you more!  
There is nothing you can do to make God love you less!  
His love is Unconditional,  
Impartial, Everlasting,  
Infinite, Perfect!”

Richard C. Halverson



**Read: Luke 15: 17 (NIV)**

“When he came to his senses’, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!’”<sup>2</sup>

**Horizon Expansion:**

*Matthew 11: 28 – 30; John 6:37;  
Romans 8:28*



1. What does this expression —“When he came to his senses”— mean to you?
2. What are your thoughts on the miracle of conversion?
3. Please comment on this statement: “The Prodigal left home for feelings and returned for reasons.”
4. It’s been said, “You don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone.” What do you think?

**WITNESSING:** Review and pray for your goals and state something practical that you will do to achieve it and show compassion as you share Jesus’s love.

**WINNING:** Win as a family as you take your snack with gladness and sincerity of heart.

**REFLECTION:**

**What is the most important thing you will take away from this session?**

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1. The prodigal first needs to return to himself. The Greek “erchomai” referred here is also used in Acts 1:11 in the context of the return of Jesus.

2. Now having a new mind, he recognizes that his father is good and that it was unwise to leave the home.

# Lesson 9

## Your Turning Point



Luke 15:18-19

### WELCOME TO THE ARMS OF THE FATHER WHO DELIVERS

#### Icebreaker questions:

- If you had this week to do over again, what would you do differently?
- If you had a time machine that could work only once, what point in the future or in history would you visit? Why?

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#### WORSHIP: PRAY – SING – TESTIFY

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“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” (John 4: 23-24 NIV)

Today our special testimony comes from: \_\_\_\_\_

#### WORD TIME

**Think about it...** The Bible is full of turning points. Let's observe some real people and their turning point in life: **1)** Nicodemus had a turning point in his religion. Nicodemus had to turn his back on all those years of learning and the influence of his people... but he did and became a follower of Jesus Christ. (John 3:1-12). **2)** The turning point for Paul (Saul of Tarsus) had its

### Share

“Do you not realize that the love the Father bestowed on the perfect Christ He now bestows on you?”

Charles Spurgeon



beginning when he heard Stephen's Holy Spirit filled message in Acts 7. I am sure it cut him to his heart (Heb 4:12) and led up to the turning point in his life. Please read Philippians 3:4-14 for Paul's own testimony of his turning point. **3)** The turning point for the woman ruined by sin in John 8:1-11 was in finding hope after living such a low life. Notice Christ said in verse 11, "Neither do I condemn thee..."

**Read: Luke 15: 18-19 (NIV)**

"I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven<sup>1</sup> and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants."<sup>2</sup>

## Horizon Expansion:

*Joel 2:13; Hosea 14:1; Job 22:23;  
Lamentations 3:40, John 1:12;  
Galatians 3:26; 1 Peter 2:10.*



1. To whom did the son decide to go? (Luke 15:18)
2. Did he recognize his sin?

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1. Jewish people often used "heaven" as a respectful way of saying "God." Some suggest the son here returns simply out of hunger and the belief that his father may feed him as a servant, not because he is genuinely sorry that he disgraced his father. Given the magnitude of his sin and the squandering of one-third of his father's life's earnings, Jewish hearers might regard his return as an act of incredible presumption rather than humility. Nevertheless, he could have also be repented due to his statement "I have sinned". What is repentance? The true penitent is conscious of guilt (Psalm 51:4 Psalm 51:9), of pollution (Psalm 51:5, 7, 10) and of helplessness (Psalm 51:11; Psalm 109:21, 22).

2. There were several levels of servants in rural village life of the Near East (cf. Bailey, *Poet and Peasant*, p. 176):

1. **Doulos**, a domestic servant who lived with the master
2. **Paides**, slaves who performed menial tasks but lived on the farm
3. **Misthos**, temporary, hired workers who did not live on the farm.

In context #2 fits best as the desire of the son.



3. What was the root of his sin: Was it the breaking of the law or the breaking of a relationship?
4. What position did he want to obtain? (Luke 15:19)
5. Where will today's decisions lead you tomorrow?
6. Are you ready for your turning point? Share your thoughts

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**REFLECTION:**

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# Lesson 10

## The Forgiving Father



Luke 15:20 (Part I)

### WELCOME HOME!

#### Icebreaker questions:

- What is one goal you'd like to accomplish during your lifetime?
- If you could ask God one question right now, what would it be?

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#### WORSHIP: PRAY – SING – TESTIFY

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“For he says, in the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.’ I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.” (2 Corinthians 6:2 NIV)

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### WORD TIME

**Think about it...** “When before the high priests and Sadducees, Peter clearly presented the fact that repentance is the gift of God. Speaking of Christ, he said, ‘Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins’ (Acts 5:31). Repentance is no less the gift of God than are pardon and justification, and it cannot be experienced except as it is given to the soul by Christ. If we are drawn to Christ, it is through His power and virtue. The grace of contrition comes through Him, and from Him comes justification....” (Ellen White, *New Life*, 20.2)

## Share

“The most dangerous thing in the world is the sin of self-reliance and the stupor of worldliness.”

John Piper



**Read: Luke 15: 20 (NIV)**

“So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off,<sup>1</sup> his father saw him and was filled with compassion<sup>2</sup> for him; he ran to his son,<sup>3</sup> threw his arms around him and kissed him.”

## Horizon Expansion:

*Mathew 4:17; Luke 5:32; Luke 13:3 – 5; Luke 24:44-47; Acts 2:36-39; Acts 3:19*



1. Why is it so important that the Prodigal got up and went to his father, instead of only expressing the desire to go to Him?
2. What does repentance mean to you? Why is it so time sensitive?
3. What do you think would have happened if the older brother had found the Prodigal before his Father?
4. What if the Prodigal had died unreconciled to his Father?
5. Why do you think repentance and forgiveness of sin are emphasized so much in the Bible?

**WITNESSING:** Review and pray for your goals and state something practical that you will do to achieve it and show compassion as you share Jesus’s love.

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1. Here the distance is physical, but there’s also a spiritual distance. Thank God He has created peace for those who are far and for those who are near. (Isaiah 57:19)

2. God’s compassion is demonstrated in his Son’s ministry for and among his people (Matt 9:36; Mark 6:34). Jesus’ compassion is extended to the helpless crowds (Matt 9:36), the sickly masses (Matt 14:14), the hungry people (Mark 8:2), and the blind men (Matt 20:34). Here the waiting father (Luke 15:20) is filled with compassion when he sees his wayward son returning just as God has compassion on us and accepts us when we repent and return to him.

3. “Traditional Middle Easterners, wearing long robes, do not run in public. They never have. To do so would be deeply humiliating. The father runs knowing that in so doing he will deflect the attention of the community away from his ragged son to himself.” (Kenneth Bailey, *Jacob and the Prodigal*, 109).

**WINNING:** Win as a family as you take your snack with gladness and sincerity of heart.

**REFLECTION:**

What is the most important thing you will take away from this session?



# Lesson II

## The Father's Kiss

Luke 15:20 (Part II)

### WELCOME TO THE ARMS OF THE AFFECTIONATE FATHER

#### Icebreaker questions:

- When did God become real to you?
- If you ever met God, what would you ask for?

#### WORSHIP: PRAY – SING – TESTIFY

“The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name-- he is holy.” (Psalm 99:1-2 NIV)

Today our special testimony comes from: \_\_\_\_\_

#### WORD TIME

**Think about it...** In the days when the great evangelist Moody was preaching in Chicago, a man, partially under the influence of liquor, seeing the warm lights of Moody's tabernacle, staggered up the steps to the front door. Upon opening it, he saw no one within, but he did see the motto hanging above the pulpit: “God Is Love.” The man slammed the door, staggered down the steps, and muttered to himself, “God is love? God is not love. If God were love, He would love me, and He hates me.” He continued his uneven walk around the

### Share

“Never trust anyone completely but God. Love people, but put your full trust only in God.”

Lawrence Welk



block, still muttering to himself. But those words began to burn images into his numbed thinking. A power seemed to draw him back to the tabernacle. With the throngs that were now making their way into the tabernacle, he soon found himself seated inside, and Mr. Moody was preaching. The sermon over, Moody made his way to the door to shake hands with the people as they left. But this man didn't leave. He continued to sit in his seat, weeping. Moody came over to him, put his arm on the man's shoulder, and asked, "Is there something that I can do for you? What was it in my sermon that touched your heart?" "Oh, Mr. Moody, I didn't hear a word that you spoke tonight," the man responded. "It's those words up there over your pulpit—'God Is Love.'" Moody sat down and talked with him for a while, and soon he gave his heart to Moody's God.

**Read: Luke 15: 20 (NIV)**

"So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off,<sup>1</sup> his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran<sup>2</sup> to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed<sup>3</sup> him."

### Horizon Expansion:

*Genesis 3:8-9; Ezekiel 34:11; Ezekiel 16:8; John 15:16; Genesis 27:26-27; 29:13; 33:4; 50:1; 2 Samuel 14:33.*



1. Though as yet far, far away, our Father recognizes His own child in us, and bounds to meet us—not saying, Let him come to Me and sue for pardon first, but Himself taking the first step.

2. It was a breach of an elderly Jewish man's dignity to run, though familial love could take priority over dignity after a long absence. Given the normal garb, the father would have to pull up his skirt to run.

3. In the Christian Church the kiss of charity was practiced not only as a friendly salutation, but as an act symbolical of love and Christian brotherhood. (Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:6; 1 Peter 5:14). In Genesis 27:26, 27, Isaac kisses his son Jacob which carries a sense of blessing. In Genesis 33:4, Esau and Jacob reconciled and kissed each other as a symbol of reconciliation. This helps us to understand that the prodigal son has been reconciled with the father and that He (the father) is willing to give him a blessing!!!

1. When the father saw his son what was the first thing he did?
2. Why do you think he ran?
3. How do you think the son felt when he saw his father running towards him?
4. After he threw his arm around his son what else did he do?
5. What does it mean that he kissed him?
6. What does that kiss symbolize? Share your thoughts

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**WINNING:** Win as a family as you take your snack with gladness and sincerity of heart.

### REFLECTION:

**What is the most important thing you will take away from this session?**



# Lesson 12

## The Merciful Father

Luke 15:21-22

### WELCOME TO YOUR FATHER'S MERCIES

#### Icebreaker questions:

- What are you thankful for?
- How have you seen God's mercy and compassion work in your life, or in the lives of people you know?

#### WORSHIP: PRAY – SING – TESTIFY

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." (John 14:1-3 NIV)

Today our special testimony comes from: \_\_\_\_\_

#### WORD TIME

**Think about it...** A mother once approached Napoleon seeking a pardon for her son. The emperor replied that the young man had committed a certain offense twice and justice demanded death. "But I don't ask for justice," the mother explained. "I plead for mercy." "But your son does not deserve mercy," Napoleon replied. "Sir," the woman cried, "it would not be mercy if he deserved

### Share

"Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not."

C. S. Lewis





it, and mercy is all I ask for.” “Well, then,” the emperor said, “I will have mercy.” And he spared the woman’s son. (Luis Palau, *Experiencing God’s Forgiveness*)

**Read: Luke 15: 21-22 (NIV)**

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’<sup>1</sup> “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him.’<sup>2</sup> Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.’<sup>3</sup>”

## Horizon Expansion:

*Psalm 32:3 – 5; Psalm 51; Romans 10:10; 1 John 1:9*



1. If you compare Luke 15:18-19 with Luke 15:21 it looks like the Prodigal never finished his speech. Why? Share your thoughts.
2. Why is confession of sins to God so important?
3. Since the Bible frequently compares being dressed with a special robe to being dressed with God’s justice, what is happening here?
4. What does the ring symbolize? Do you remember pharaoh doing the same with Joseph? (Genesis 41:42)
5. What about the sandals? Are we talking about a full restoration?

**WITNESSING:** Review and pray for your goals and state something practical that you will do to achieve it and show compassion as you share Jesus’s love.

**WINNING:** Win as a family as you take your snack with gladness and sincerity of heart.

1. “The prodigal did not complete what he was planning to say, which was: , Make out of me one of your craftsmen.’ The grace of the Father changed his mind and true repentance came to his mind. The prodigal accepts being found. The grace of God finally handed him.” (Kenneth Bailey, *Jacob and the Prodigal*, 109)

2. The best robe is nothing more and nothing less than the Father robes in a strong allusion to the Justification process. Along with the ring symbol of authority (James 2:2; Genesis 41:42) and the sandals symbolic of a free man, slaves went barefoot, a complete restoration is done .

3. The father is saying, “No, I won’t receive you back as a servant. I’ll receive you only as a son.”

## REFLECTION:

**What is the most important thing you will take away from this session?**

# Lesson 13

## Let's Celebrate



Luke 15:23

### WELCOME TO THE CELEBRATION

#### Icebreaker questions:

- What is your favorite sport or physical activity?
- What was the best compliment you have ever received?

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#### WORSHIP: PRAY – SING – TESTIFY

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Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. (Colossians 3:16 NKJV)

**Share**

“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

Jesus

Today our special testimony comes from: \_\_\_\_\_

### WORD TIME

**Think about it...** Men have pursued joy in every avenue imaginable. Some have successfully found it while others have not. Perhaps it would be easier to describe where joy cannot be found:

Not in Unbelief -- Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote: “I wish I had never been born.”

Not in Pleasure -- Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure if anyone did. He wrote: “The worm, the canker, and grief are mine alone.”

Not in Money -- Jay Gould, the American millionaire, had plenty of that. When dying, he said: "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."

Not in Position and Fame -- Lord Beaconsfield enjoyed more than his share of both. He wrote: "Youth is mistake; manhood a struggle; old age a regret."

Not in Military Glory -- Alexander the Great conquered the known world in his day. Having done so, he wept in his tent before he said, "There are no more worlds to conquer." Where then is real joy found? The answer is simple, in Christ alone. (The Bible Friend, Turning Point, May, 1993)

**Read: Luke 15:23 (NIV)**

"Bring the fattened calf and kill it.<sup>1</sup> Let's have a feast and celebrate."<sup>2</sup>

## Horizon Expansion:

*Romans 5:8; Leviticus 17:11; John 1:29; James 1:2; Romans 15:13; 2 John 1:12; Nehemiah 8:10; Hebrews 12:2*



1. What animal did the father request to kill?
2. Why did he chose the fattened calf?
3. How do you think the son felt he heard his father giving that order?
4. What did the father want the people to do?
5. Why should a Christian life be joyful?
6. How often do we celebrate with God? Share your thoughts

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1. Kenneth E. Bailey, *Poet and Peasant/Through Peasant Eyes*, makes the comment that by implication the killing of the fatted calf involved the whole community. There would be too much meat just for the estate. If so, this implies that the father solves the problem of the young son's acceptance back into the community by this feast (cf. pp. 181–187).

2. Notice that this lavish banquet for the rebellious son is the unexpected element of the parable. Table fellowship was a Jewish metaphor for heaven (eschatological banquet). The shock is that the younger son (symbolizing the tax collectors and sinners) is the object of the feast, while the older son (symbolizing the religious leaders) refuses to attend and makes the point that there is no feast for him. This role reversal is typical of Jesus' teachings.

**WITNESSING:** Review and pray for your goals and state something practical that you will do to achieve it and show compassion as you share Jesus's love.

**WINNING:** Win as a family as you take your snack with gladness and sincerity of heart.

**REFLECTION:**

**What is the most important thing you will take away from this session?**



# Lesson 14

## The Amazing Father

Luke 15:24

### WELCOME TO YOUR FATHER'S JOY

#### Icebreaker questions:

- What's the coolest party you've ever attended?

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#### WORSHIP: PRAY – SING – TESTIFY

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“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10 NKJV)

Today our special testimony comes from: \_\_\_\_\_

#### WORD TIME

**Think about it...** “The love of God is an ocean, and no line can sound its depths. It is a sky of unknown dimensions, and no flying machine can reach its heights. It is a continent of unexplored distance, and no tape can measure its length. It is the width of unsurpassed country, and no survey can find its boundary. It is a mine of wealth, and no delving of mail can estimate or exhaust its riches. It is a pole of attraction, which no explorer can discover, and the love of God is a forest of beauty, and no botanist can find and describe its variety and glory.” (Unknown)

### Share

“There are three stages in the work of God: impossible, difficult, and done.”

James Hudson Taylor



**Read: Luke 15:24 (NIV)**

“For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.”<sup>1</sup>

## Horizon Expansion:

*John 5:24; Ephesians 2: 1- 8*



1. Why did the Father say his son was dead? What does it mean?
2. How do you relate being dead and being lost?
3. It looks like the Father enjoys parties, what’s your opinion?
4. Is this party in honor of the son or in honor of the Father?
5. Think of a modern-day story similar to the Prodigal son.

**WITNESSING:** Review and pray for your goals and state something practical that you will do to achieve it and show compassion as you share Jesus’s love.

**WINNING:** Win as a family as you take your snack with gladness and sincerity of heart.

“The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. (Psalm 25:14)

### REFLECTION:

**What is the most important thing you will take away from this session?**

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1. When the Good Shepherd finds the sheep He says ‘rejoice with me’ (Luke 15:6) and when the woman finds the coin she says ‘rejoice with me’ (Luke 15:9), and now the Father also celebrates with the community. Salvation is a miracle; sinners are presented as lost, blind, deaf or even dead, so the banquet is a celebration of God’s triumph over sin, death and the devil himself.

# Lesson 15

## Good or Bad News?

Luke 15:25-27

### WELCOME TO THE ARMS OF THE COMPASSIONATE FATHER

#### Icebreaker questions:

- What is the worst thing you did as a kid?
- What do you value most in life?

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#### WORSHIP: PRAY – SING – TESTIFY

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“Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.” (Psalm 135:3 NIV)

Today our special testimony comes from: \_\_\_\_\_

### Share

“Bringing good news is imparting hope to one’s fellow man. The idea of redemption is always good news, even if it means sacrifice or some difficult times.”

Patti Smith



### WORD TIME

**Think about it...** A farmer went to his banker and announced that he had bad news and good news. “First, the bad news...” “Well,” said the farmer, “I can’t make my mortgage payments. And that crop loan I’ve taken out for the past 10 years -- I can’t pay that off, either. Not only that, I won’t be able to pay you the couple of hundred thousand I still have outstanding on my tractors and other equipment. So I’m going to have to give up the farm and turn it all over to you for whatever you can salvage out of it.” Silence prevailed for a minute and then the banker said, “What’s the good news?” “The good news is that I’m going to keep on banking with you,” said the farmer.

**Read: Luke 15:25-27 (NIV)**

“Meanwhile, the older son<sup>1</sup> was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.<sup>2</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’”

## Horizon Expansion:

*Luke 19:20; John 3:16; Romans 1:16; Isaiah 61:1-3*



1. Where was the elder son? (Luke 15:25)
2. What was the first thing the older son heard?
3. Why did he ask a servant and not his father?
4. What was the good news? (Luke 15:27)
5. What do you understand “the father got him back safe and sound” to mean?
6. Why is God so desperate to celebrate with you? Share your thoughts

**WITNESSING:** Review and pray for your goals and state something practical that you will do to achieve it and show compassion as you share Jesus’s love.

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1. If the prodigal represents lost and fallen humanity or maybe the Gentiles, then the older son represents the self-righteous attitude of religious leaders.

2. Dancing was used in both religious and nonreligious celebrations. Elder brothers were to reconcile differences between fathers and younger brothers, but here the elder brother, returning at the end of a long day’s work, refuses even to enter the house (Luke 15:28). This is also a grievous insult to the father’s dignity and could have warranted a beating.



**WINNING:** Win as a family as you take your snack with gladness and sincerity of heart.

**REFLECTION:**

**What is the most important thing you will take away from this session?**





## WELCOME TO YOUR FATHER'S LOVE

### Icebreaker questions:

- What would you like to be known for?
- What's one of the biggest risks you've taken in life?

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### WORSHIP: PRAY – SING – TESTIFY

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“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” (1 John 4:8 NIV)

Today our special testimony comes from: \_\_\_\_\_

### WORD TIME

**Think about it...** “What makes Christianity different from all the other religions of the world? Years ago that very question was discussed at a conference. Some of the participants argued that Christianity is unique in teaching that God became man. But someone objected, saying that other religions teach similar doctrines. What about the resurrection? No, it was argued, other faiths believe that the dead rise again. The discussion grew heated. C. S. Lewis, a strong defender of Christianity, came in late, sat down, and asked, “What’s the rumpus about?” When he learned that it was a debate about the uniqueness of Christianity, he immediately commented, “Oh, that’s easy. It’s grace.” (Unknown)



**Read: Luke 15:28-32 (NIV)**

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded<sup>1</sup> with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’<sup>2</sup> “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’<sup>3</sup> ”<sup>3</sup>

## Horizon Expansion:

*Luke 19:20; John 3:16; Romans 1:16; Isaiah 61:1-3*



1. Why do you think the older son refers to his brother as “this son of yours”?
2. What do you learn from this story about judging others?
3. Did you in the parable that the youngest son was in the house and the oldest son out of the house at the end? Share your thoughts.
4. How is the Father showing kindness to his older son?

**WITNESSING:** Review and pray for your goals and state something practical that you will do to achieve it and show compassion as you share Jesus’s love.

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1. Gr. *Parakaleō*, frequently used for the Person of the Holy Spirit.

2. The Father does exactly what Jesus is accused of doing: he receives a sinner and plans to eat with him (Kenneth Bailey, *Jacob and the Prodigal*, 111).

3. “The real reason of the banquet is that “he was lost and now is found” Someone had to find him, and it was the Father who gave of himself to do so. The feast is a celebration of the success of the Father costly efforts” (Bailey, *Ibid.*, 111).

**WINNING:** Win as a family as you take your snack with gladness and sincerity of heart.

**REFLECTION:**

**What is the most important thing you will take away from this session?**



“... You will know them by their fruits” (Mathew 7:16)

# Identify Intercede Invest Invite

- Identify At Least One Person
- Pray For Him or Her Everyday
- Meet Their Needs
- Invite Him or Her to Study The Bible
- Don't Forget To Read And Meditate Daily  
On A Chapter Of The Bible And Fast Monthly  
If Possible

“...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit,  
saith the Lord of hosts” (Zechariah 4:6)

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