

The Parables of Jesus

The Prodigal Son

**Look it up
in your bible!
Luke 15: 11-32
Grade 3 - Grade 4**

What did you learn about the bible?

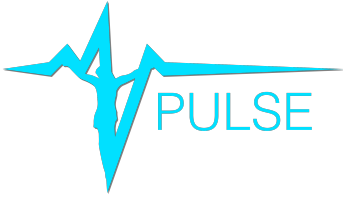
The bible is divided into two different sections. The first section is called the _____. It has 46 books in it. The second section is called the _____. There are 27 books in it.

What do you remember from Jesus' parable?

Fill in the blanks with the words in the bank below

A man had ____ sons. One day, the _____ son asked his father for the _____ he was promised to one day receive. His father gave him what he asked, and the son left home. After quickly _____ all the money, he had nothing left, and became _____. The son decided to go ____ to his father, even though he was _____ and embarrassed. The father _____ the younger son back home and never stopped _____ him. The older brother was _____ that his father forgave the younger brother. The older brother believed that only he _____ the father's _____.

home, two, love, welcomed, younger, loving, money, upset, hungry,
deserved, scared, spending



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What did we learn from today's parable?

The parable of the prodigal son teaches us that God will always forgive us when we sin. When we sin, how does it make us feel inside? Sin can hurt other people's feelings, it can hurt our own hearts, and it hurts God, too.

Have I hurt others? Have I made bad choices?

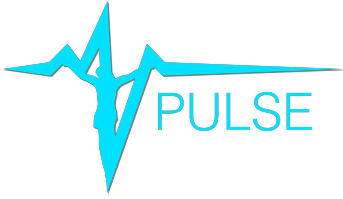
Bring this story to life:

Think of and write down a list of 5 things you have done that you want to say sorry to God for. Take time to sit and pray to God about these things, asking him to forgive you for the sins you did. God will always forgive you of all your sins whenever you ask. You can also ask God to help you to make better choices in the future, so that you won't keep doing the same sin over and over again. He will help you! Once you have prayed and asked God's forgiveness and help, you can rip up and throw away the paper with all your sins, since now, they're gone! God has forgiven you! Doesn't it feel great?

Reflection questions:

Is it easy to forgive people when they hurt you?

Who are the people in your life you can try and forgive?



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Spend some time in prayer talking to Jesus.

Thank You - Sorry - Please

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Thank you Jesus for...

Sorry Jesus for when I...

Please Jesus...



... Amen.

1 tsp = 1 teaspoon
thank you - sorry - please

The Prodigal Son - Craft

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the father in the story welcomes his son who left home, wasted all the money that was promised to him, and came back home asking for forgiveness. The father welcomes him with open arms. The father's love for his son was unconditional. In the same way, the parable of the Prodigal Son teaches us that God's love for us is unconditional, too! That means, even when we make bad choices, God will never stop loving us!

Yarn Paper Plate Heart

You will need:

- A paper plate
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Yarn
- Tape

Instructions:

1. Start by folding the plate in half and cutting a heart shape out of the middle of your paper plate.
2. Use your hole punch to punch out holes around the entire outside of the heart you just cut out.
3. Take your yarn, pull it through one of the holes around your heart, and tape that end of your yarn to the back of your plate (so it stays in place).
4. Continue to thread your yarn through the holes around your heart until each hole has been used.
5. When you have finished threading the yarn through all of the holes, cut your yarn so that you have enough yarn to reach the piece with which you started (the end that was originally taped to the back of your plate).
6. Tie those two ends together in a tight knot so that your craft doesn't come apart.

Just as your yarn (now that the two ends are tied together) has no beginning and no end, so does God's love for us have no beginning and no end. There is nothing we could ever do to make God love us any less!

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C I L F S E J T R M Z P V G P
S F O R G I V E N E S S U K A
A H U N G R Y A M S T O R Y R
S X A O D K B C I R J A Z C A
P L T P O A O H R N S V E U B
K B E E P M D I Z I H T R K L
D I L P R H U N Q T O W N B E
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W F Y H L J E S U S F J H L S
V P D W R E Y I G B S T A D K
A X F U Z L R M O N E Y H Z X

Forgiveness

Welcomed

Prodigal

Teaching

Hungry

Parable

Scared

Jesus

Story

Money

Home

Love

The Parable of the Lost Son



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