FAMILY WORSHIP

The Parable of the Two Sons | Luke 15:11–32
Growing Together in God's Word

READ TOGETHER | Luke 15:11–32

Jesus told a story about a father and two sons. The younger son took his inheritance, left home, and wasted it. When he returned, his father welcomed him with compassion and celebrated. The older son was angry because he thought his obedience meant he deserved more. Yet the father patiently appealed to him, too.

The most important person in this story is the father. Jesus shows us God's mercy, grace, patience, and love.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What did the younger son do wrong?
2. How did the father respond when his younger son came home?
3. Why was the older brother angry?
4. Did the older brother need mercy and grace too? Why?
5. What does this story teach us about God?

REMEMBER THIS TRUTH

We all need God's mercy and grace! Sometimes sin is obvious, like the younger son's rebellion. Other times it hides in our hearts, like the older son's pride. No one can earn salvation by being good enough. Salvation is God's gift of grace through Jesus Christ.

MEMORY VERSE | Luke 15:32 (ESV)

"It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Show mercy: Remember God's mercy when someone wrongs you.

Show grace: Do something kind for someone who has not earned it.

Be quick to repent: Confess sin instead of making excuses.

Rejoice in God's work: Thank Him when others turn to Him and grow in faith.

A QUESTION FOR EVERYONE

When someone else receives forgiveness or kindness, do you rejoice with them—or do you think about what you deserve?

PRAY TOGETHER

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your mercy, grace, and love. Forgive us when we rebel or think we are better than others. Help us to repent, forgive, and rejoice when others experience Your grace. Thank You for sending Jesus to save sinners. In Jesus' name, amen.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Read Luke 15 together again this week. Have each person share one thing they learned about the Father's character.