

Lesson Two:

The Lost Son: Luke 15:11—32 (P.220-222)

Have you ever run away from home? What happened?

Lesson Questions:

1. What is a parable?
2. Why do you think this boy left home?
3. Why didn't his father try to stop his son?
4. How do you think the father felt about his son after he left?
5. How did this boy's adventure go?
6. How did the father react to his son's return?
7. Who does the son represent?
8. Who does the father represent?
9. Did the father's love depend on what his son did?
10. What do we learn about God's love from this story?
11. How did the brother feel about this?
12. What does Luke 15:7 tell us about God's attitude on this subject?

Discussion Questions:

1. Do we ever deserve God's love?
2. Can we ever lose God's love? Read Romans 8:35, 38—39 (Pages 442-443). Also read Matthew 27:3-5 (Page 88).
3. What is your attitude toward such a God?
4. What makes a person want to move away from God?
5. Where are you on your journey?

Next lesson we will learn of a very sinful woman who was lost and then became found. We will see how she responded to Jesus and learn of Jesus' response to her. Jesus will also tell another story, this time about debt.

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Prayer

Forever-loving Father, I come to You as a lost child. I need You to direct my life and give me hope. I have often left Your side, where I am safe and happy, to live “on my own.” I don’t want to be alone. I need You. Thank you for Your promise that You will forgive and accept me no matter what. Thank you for loving me enough to have Your Son, Jesus, die for me. Thank you for being there for me always.