A Bible Story



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The Prodigal Son

A story about the love of a father who always waits, welcomes, and forgives.



A Hasty Decision

Jesus told of a man who had two sons. One day, the younger asked his father for the part of the inheritance that would someday belong to him. Although it hurt him, the father divided what he had.



Far from Home

A few days later, the younger son gathered his things and went to a far country. He wanted to live his own way, far from his family and his father's advice.



Everything Runs Out

There he spent everything without thinking about the future. When his money was gone, the people who seemed to be his friends disappeared too, and he was left alone.



A Great Famine

Then a severe famine came to that country. Food was hard to find, and the young man had no money and no safe place to rest.



A Difficult Job

He found work feeding pigs. He was so hungry that he wanted to eat what they ate, but no one gave him food.



He Remembers Home

At last he came to himself and thought, “How many hired servants of my father’s have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!”



I Will Go Back to My Father

Then he decided, “I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee. I am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants.”



The Road Home

So he began the journey home. He walked tired and humbled, not knowing how his father would receive him.



A Father Who Waits

While he was still far away, his father saw him. Filled with compassion, he ran to him, embraced him, and kissed him.



The Embrace of Forgiveness

The son began to say, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight.” But his father called the servants: “Bring forth the best robe, put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.”



A Great Celebration

The father prepared a great celebration and said, “This my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.” And everyone began to rejoice.



The Older Brother

The older son returned from the field and heard the music. When he learned that his brother had come home, he became angry and would not go in. So his father came out to speak with him.



The Father's Love

The father told him tenderly, "Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. We should rejoice because thy brother was lost and is found." In this way Jesus showed how much God desires to welcome and forgive those who return to Him.