

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Who are you most like—the younger brother who breaks the rules or the older brother who thinks rules can save him?
- How is the gospel good news for both rule breakers and rule followers?
- Pray as a family for someone you know who is far from God.

Three Parables

Luke 15

STORY POINT: JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST.

Jesus told the religious leaders three parables to teach about God. Jesus said, "If a man has 100 sheep and loses one, he leaves the 99 sheep and searches for the lost sheep until he finds it." Jesus also said, "If a woman has 10 silver coins and loses one of them, she lights a lamp, sweeps the house, and searches carefully until she finds it."

Jesus told a third story. "A man had two sons. The younger son said, 'Father, give me my inheritance today.' So the father did. The younger son left home. He wasted his money and lived foolishly. The younger son decided to go back to his father and admit he was wrong. He would ask to work for his father like the servants.

"His father ran to him, threw his arms around him, and kissed him. The son began to apologize.

"But the father told his servants, 'Let's celebrate with a feast! This son of mine was lost, and now he is found!'

"At this time, the older son came from the fields. 'What's going on?' he asked one of the servants.

"Your brother is here,' the servant said. 'Your father is celebrating.'

"The older brother was angry!

"Son,' the father said, 'everything I have is yours. We have to celebrate. Your brother was lost and is found.'"

Christ Connection: The religious leaders complained that Jesus welcomed sinners. Jesus told these parables to teach about God's forgiveness. God sent Jesus so sinners can be forgiven. As Savior, Jesus seeks sinners. He paid the ultimate price—His own life—to save people from sin.



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