

Week 6: The Lost Son

Theme: Bee Attitudes - Forgiveness



Supplies

- Bible
- Money
- Wallet



Flannelgraph*

- Water/Sky Board, S4, S7, Building 203
- Son - 54, 58
- Father - 60
- Horse and Chariot - 215

**The Betty Lukens Flannelgraph is optional, but adds a visual and tactile portion to the story.*

Story: Today's Bible story is a parable. A parable is a story that Jesus told the disciples and those who followed Him to help us understand that God forgives us. This story is about a son who only thought about himself. Count on your fingers each time I say the word "I." The younger son told his father, "I want my part of your money. I don't want to wait. I want my money now." How many times did the younger son say "I?" Three times! I want, I want, I want. Three times the younger son showed that he was thinking about himself and no one else. But, even then his father gave him his portion of the family money. *Put money in wallet. Remove father.*

Soon the son packed everything he owned (*add horse and chariot*) and took a trip to a faraway place. While there he spent lots of money. The son had parties and bought lots of toys and clothes that he wanted. *Begin throwing out money out of child's reach.* If he wanted it, he bought it. But money doesn't last forever and soon the son found himself without money, poor, and very hungry. *Show empty wallet. Remove son, horse, and chariot.*

The son needed a job to buy food. He got a job working with the pigs on a farm. Raise your hand and tell me what sound a pig makes. *Oink!* The son became so hungry that even the pig food looked yummy! Yuck! When the son finally realized he needed help, the son said to himself, "At home, my dad provides his workers with plenty of food. I will go home to my father and let him know that I have sinned. I have made bad choices."

So the son returned to his father. Even when the son was a long distance away, his father saw him coming. Even though the son made bad choices, the father still loved his son and forgave him. The father ran to him, hugged, and kissed his son. The son told his father, "I have sinned. Please hire me to work for you." But the father told the servants, "Let's celebrate because my son was lost and now he is found."

Sometimes we want what we want and we want it now. We are like the son in this story. We demand our way. The father in this story is like God. God forgives us, no matter what we have done, all of the time. All we have to do is ask God to forgive us.

Think about the last bad choice that you made. Maybe it was taking a snack when your mom wasn't looking. Or, maybe you didn't come when your mom called for you. Or, maybe you said something that wasn't kind. All you have to do is say to God, "I'm sorry that I _____. Will you please forgive me?" Then, we need to go to the person and confess what we did as well. Let's pretend that you took a toy from a friend. Repeat after me: "I am sorry that I took the toy." "Will you please forgive me?"

And when people ask for your forgiveness, you can forgive them because you know that you make mistakes as well!

Comprehension Questions:

What did the son ask his father to give him?

What did the son do with the money?

What is sin? (Bad choices that a person makes)

Why was the father so happy to see his son?

Even though his son made very bad choices, the father still loved his son and was happy to have him home. When you make bad choices do your parents still love you? Does God still love you?

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B-I-N-G-O

Traditional

There was a _____ who had a dog

And Bingo was his name-o



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Repeat the song with the following substitutions:

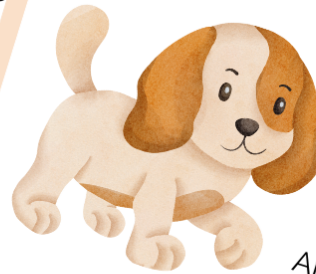
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Happy All the Time

Traditional Each time increase the tempo..



Chorus
I'm inright
(point at self)
Outright
(point out)
Upright
(point up)
Downright
(point down)

Happy all the time
(clap 3x)
Repeat

Since Jesus Christ came in
(point to heart)

And cleansed my heart from sin
(move hands in opposite directions as to "wipe away")

Sing Chorus



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Bible Song Packet
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Matthew 7:12b NIV

Do to others
what you would have them
do to you.

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Matthew 7:12b NIV
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Matthew 7:12b NIV

Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb

Do to others what you would

(march)

What you would, what you would

Have- them- do to you

Mathew 7:12

(form book with hands)

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Steve Green – Hide 'Em in

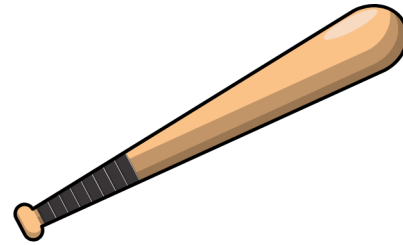
Optional Song:
Steve Green – Hide 'Em in Your Heart, Vol 1 - #2 Do to Others

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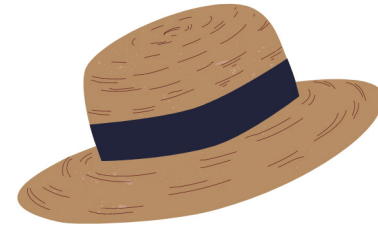
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Word Family Packet
Sample