

# Sunday School Lesson

## Sunday, August 8, 2021

### Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost



“your brother was dead, but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he has been found.”

While labeled Sunday School, please feel free to use these ideas in a way that blesses your family. You do not have to do all the activities, nor do you need to do them on Sunday morning. You can use whatever translation of the Bible or Children’s Bible you have in your home.

**Read:** Luke 15: 11-32

#### **Activities and Background:**

The parable of “The Lost Son” is coupled with “The Lost Sheep” and “The Lost Coin”. What do you think Jesus wants us to think about putting these three together?

1. Read the scripture and wonder about the story with your child. I wonder why the son felt he needed to leave. I wonder what the older son might have said to the younger son. I wonder what happened after the celebration party. I wonder if the other son is lost now.
2. Young children will enjoy trying to count the people who love them. Also count the people you love.
3. How does the father celebrate the return of his son? How does your family celebrate? What kinds of events does your family celebrate? Did you ever celebrate someone coming home? How do you think God celebrates? How do you think God feels when we return to God?
4. Compare this parable to the parables of “The Lost Sheep” and “The Lost Coin”. What is the same? What is different? Why?
5. How are each of the people in the story feeling? Do you think the father had looked for the son?
6. Read the story one more time and then draw a picture to help you remember the story.
7. End with a prayer.

*Lord,  
Help me not to leave you.  
Help me not to be jealous.  
Thank you for welcoming me back.  
Thank you for loving for me so much that you celebrate when I return.  
Amen.*