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FATHER

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Great Stories of the Bible



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Kingdom News

Kingdom Life Lesson 2:

The Lost Son

Today's Story:

Today we heard the Bible story of the Lost Son and talked more about how we **enter** the Kingdom of God. In this story we heard about a man who had two sons. The younger son left his father and wasted all his inheritance money on wild and sinful living. He had nothing left and was starving. His sin almost destroyed him. But when the son decided to return to his father and ask for forgiveness, his father welcomed him with open arms.

Jesus told this story as a picture of how our Heavenly Father will always welcome us with love and open arms when we turn back to him. Just like the son in the story, we have all gone away from God and chosen to rule our own lives instead of obeying God.

Sin destroys us. It leads to separation from God and eternal death which in the Bible is called Hell.

But in the story the father still loved the son even though he didn't deserve it. We don't deserve our Heavenly Father's love either. Because of our sin we deserve death, but God has given us his life and love instead. That is called **grace**. Grace is God's undeserved love for us. God's love and salvation through Jesus is a free gift to us that we don't deserve. In order to receive the father's love, the son had to turn from his sin and go back to his father. We can also turn from our sin and come back to God, our Heavenly Father. This is called **repentance**. We have a change of heart and turn away from our sin and selfishness. We turn back to God, ask his **forgiveness**, and start serving God and doing what is good.

Repentance is part of **receiving** the free gift of salvation through Jesus. The Holy Spirit helps us to repent and trust and obey Jesus. What a loving Heavenly Father we have who invites us to live with him in his wonderful kingdom forever, where we can have **life** with joy, hope and peace!

Bible Memory Verse: *"When you sin, the pay you get is death. But God gives you the gift of eternal life. That's because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done."*

Romans 6:23 NIRV

My Art Response:

