The Prodigal Son

STORY CARD · LUKE 15:11-32

The story

1. A man had two sons. The younger son asked his father for his share of the family money early. A few days later he packed everything up and moved to a faraway country.
2. He wasted all of it on wild living. Then a famine hit that country, and he took a job feeding pigs. He was so hungry he wanted to eat the pigs' food, and nobody gave him anything.
3. Finally he came to his senses. Even his father's hired workers had plenty of food. So he decided to go home, tell his father he had sinned, and ask to be one of the hired workers.
4. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him. His father ran to him, threw his arms around him and kissed him. Then he called for the best robe, a ring, sandals and a party.
5. The older brother came in from the field and got angry. He wouldn't go to the party. So the father went out to him too, and told him they had to celebrate, because his brother was lost and now he was found.

MEMORY VERSE

"But while the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him."

Luke 15:20 (CSB)

Ask

1. What did the younger son do with his money?
2. What did the father do when he saw his son coming home?
3. Why was the older brother upset, and what did the father do?
4. When you mess up, what's one thing you know about God that makes it easier to go to Him?

TRY IT THIS WEEK

Next time you mess up, tell God that same day. You can say: "God, I did ___. I'm sorry. Thank You for taking me back."

WHAT IT SHOWS US ABOUT GOD

Jesus told this story to show what God is like. The son really did mess up, and his father still ran to him. When you mess up, you don't have to be afraid to go to God. And God goes out to the kid who stayed home and got mad, too.