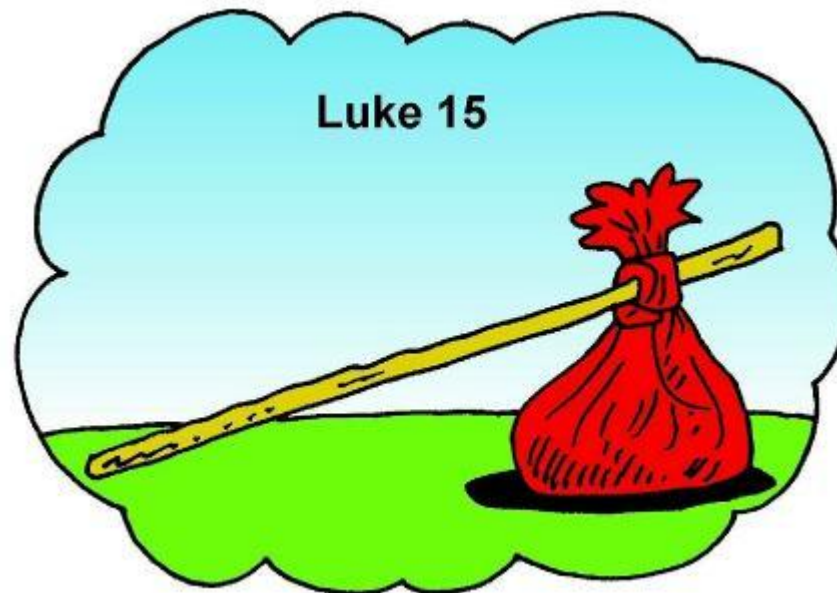


# PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

## The Lost Son

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Jesus told this story: “A farmer had two sons. They all lived and worked on the family farm. Someday, when the father died, the sons would share all the money he had made.



One day the youngest one said,  
“Father give me the money I will inherit  
when you die. I want to see the  
world and have a good time, now.”



The father gave the youngest son his inheritance money, praying that his son would spend it wisely and live a good life.



The boy had fun spending lots of money  
on big parties and presents for his friends.  
Soon all the money was gone.  
He didn't even have a house to live in.



He had to work looking after pigs.  
It was a dirty, smelly job. He was so  
hungry that he wanted to eat the pig's food.  
The boy thought about his father and was sad.



“I will go home and be my father’s servant,” he said.  
“My father gives his workers good food.”  
The father was always watching for his son  
to come back and he ran to meet him.



“I am very happy because my son has come home!  
We will have a feast,” said the father.  
Jesus was reminding us that God is  
always waiting for us to come back to him.