

The Loving Father who Forgave his Rebellious Son

1. Jesus told a story of a young man who ran away from his father and the family farm in order to gain a new life for himself. He was having lots of fun with his friends, until he ran out of money, having spent all his inheritance money. At that time, his friends left him so he was all alone. There was a terrible famine and as a result, there was a great lack of food. The young man got a job feeding the pigs belonging to a rich man in the area. He had to eat some of the pigs food because no one gave him anything to eat.



2. Then one day, he came to his senses. He began to think about his father and about home. He thought of his father's hired servants and knew that they were eating good food and had plenty to eat. Being home with his father and serving him would be much better than the life he was now living! He decided to return home to his father and planned what he would say to apologize to him.

3. As he thought about his father, words came into his mind. He planned to say, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Let me be one of your hired servants." So he got up and traveled back to his home.

4. As he got near his home, he saw his father looking down the road in his direction. It seemed as though the older man was looking for his son to return home. As the son watched, his father started running towards him, and threw his arms around him. With his heart filled with compassion for his son, he welcomed him back home!

5. The son immediately began to tell his father what he had planned to tell him: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son."



6. But before he could say any more, his father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on feet. Bring a calf and prepare a feast and celebrate! "My son was dead but is alive again. He was lost but now he is found!"

Life was never the same for this young man. He had learned some very valuable lessons.

Questions: The Loving Father who Forgave his Rebellious Son

A. What were the living conditions in the place where the son lived? (See paragraph #1)

1. in that country _____ and _____
2. in his own life
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____ so _____

B. The young man "came to his senses." What does this mean? _____

What new thought did he have at that time? _____

C. When he "came to his senses," what two things did he decide to do?

1. _____
2. _____

D. What did he want his father to do for him? _____

E. Describe what the father saw when he looked down the road the day that his son came home. (Use your own words) _____

F. What did his father do to show that he welcomed his son back home?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

(You may find more than six things!)

G. What was his father's attitude towards him when he came back home? (Picture what his son looked like and use your own words) _____

Jesus told this story to teach about the character of God. He understands the needs that we have in our lives. He understands problems we have in our relationships with others and the messes that we get ourselves into by some of our choices in life. He is like the father in the story, waiting for us to turn to Him in our need. He is waiting to forgive and show love to all who turn to Him.

He said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Part 2: The Loving Father who Forgave His Rebellious Son

Something to Think about and English Conversation Practice:

Look at the poster pictures and answer the following questions!

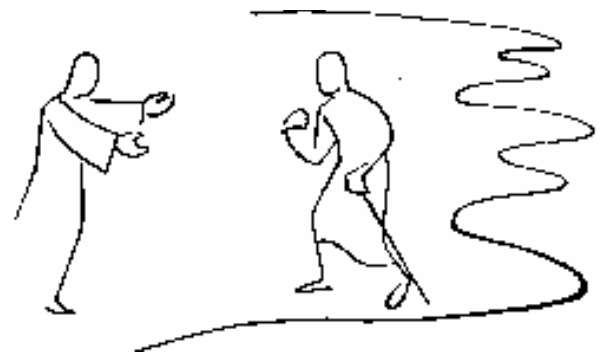
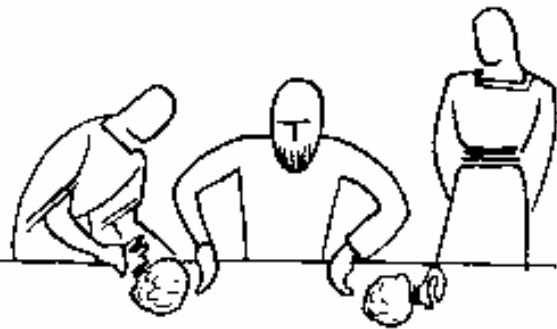
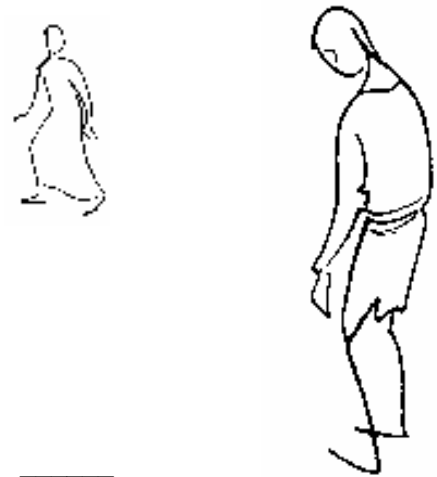
Picture #3 (Review of Part 1)

1. What happened to the young man? Describe what he is doing?
2. What do you think he is thinking about?
3. What will he do next?

Picture #4

4. What is happening in this picture?
5. What is the young man's attitude towards his father?
6. What is the father's attitude towards his son?

Prodigal Son Story – Number sketches in correct order



THE FATHER OF THE RUNAWAY SON

A. Reading Comprehension:

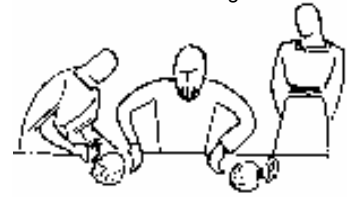
1. This story is about a man who had two sons. One day the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the inheritance that is mine." So the Father divided his wealth between his two sons.
2. Just a few days after that, the younger son packed his bags and took a trip to a place far from home. There he wasted his father's money and lived just as he pleased. Then the day came when his money was all used up and his friends deserted him.
3. At that time there was a terrible famine and there was a great lack of food. The young man got a job feeding the pigs belonging to a rich man in the area. He had to eat some of the pig's food because no one gave him anything else to eat.
4. Then one day he came to his senses. He thought of his father's hired servants and knew that they were eating good food and had plenty to eat. He decided to return home to his father and planned what he would say to him.
5. He decided to say, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I should no longer be called your son. Let me be one of your hired servants." So he got up and traveled back to his home.
6. As he neared home, he saw his father looking down the road in his direction. With his heart filled with compassion for his son, the father ran to him, threw his arms around him and welcomed him back home!
7. The son began to tell his father what he had planned to tell him: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired men."
8. But the father said to his servants: "Quick! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring a calf and make a feast so we can celebrate! My son was dead but is alive again. He was lost and is found!" So they began to celebrate!



B. Vocabulary:

1. inheritance _____
2. wealth _____
3. divided _____
4. packed his bags _____
5. wasted _____
6. lived just as he pleased _____
7. deserted _____
8. terrible famine _____
9. came to his senses _____
10. hired servants _____
11. plenty to eat _____
12. sinned _____
13. compassion _____
14. sandals _____
15. celebrate _____

C. Questions:



1. What did the younger son request from his father?

2. Why do you think he wanted to receive that?

3. What did the younger son do shortly after he received his inheritance?

4. How do you think his father felt when he did that?

5. Why do you think he felt that way?

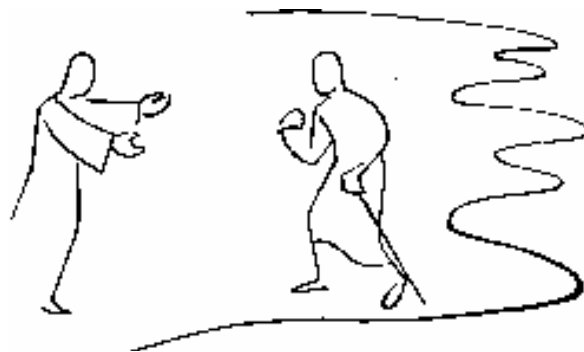
6. What did the young man do with his inheritance?

7. What were the living conditions in the place where the son lived?
 - a. In that country _____
 - b. In his own life
 1. _____ (Paragraph #2)
 2. _____ (Paragraph #2)
 3. _____ (Paragraph #3)
8. When he came to his senses, what did he decide to do?

9. What was his father's attitude towards him when he came back home?

10. What did the son want his father to do?

11. What did his father do to show he welcomed his son back home?



Introduction: Look at the Poster Pictures and Answer the Following Questions
(Use with poster pictures printed by Kanok Publishers)

Picture #1:

1. What is the relationship between the two men?

2. What do you think the older man is thinking?

3. What is the man's attitude towards the older man?

4. How would you feel if you were the younger man's mother?



Picture #2:

5. How does the young man feel about life?

6. How often do you think the young man thinks about his mother and father?



Picture #3:

7. What happened to the young man?

8. How does the young man feel about life now?

9. What will he do next?



Picture #4:

10. What is happening in this picture?

11. What is the young man's attitude towards his father?

12. What is the Father's attitude towards his son?



Jesus told this story to help us understand what God is like!
God is like the Father in this story who is concerned about the needs in the life of his son.

God created mankind and has great love in His heart towards each person in this world! He waits for each of His people to return to a good relationship with Him!

READ: THE FATHER OF THE RUNAWAY SON

Luke 14: 11-14

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