

# The Loving Father

Luke 15:11-24

## A Greedy Son

Once there was a father with two sons. They lived on a big farm. The father loved his sons. He took good care of them. One day one son said, "Father, you promised to give me money someday. I want it NOW!" So the father gave his son the money.

## A Runaway Son

The son wanted to live far away from his family. The son packed his clothes. He began walking away. The father felt sad. While the son was gone, the father waited and waited and WAITED for the son to come home.

When the son got to a new place, he spent his money until it was all gone. His nice clothes became dirty and torn. Soon he didn't have enough food to eat.

## A Sorry Son

The son went to work caring for some pigs. As he worked, the son thought, *Even the men who work for my father have food to eat.* The son decided, I'll go back home!

So the son began walking home. He walked and walked and walked. Soon he saw his father's farm. When he was almost there, he saw someone running down the road toward him! It was his FATHER running to meet him!

"Oh, Father," the son said, "I spent ALL the money you gave me. I did wrong things. I am very sorry."

## A Loving Father

The father loved his son and was glad he had come back home. The father gave him a ring and other good things. How glad the son was that his father loved him and forgave him!

### Conclusion

**Jesus told this story. He wanted us to learn that God is like the father in this story. God loves and forgives us, even when we do wrong. God wants us to be kind and forgive others, too.**

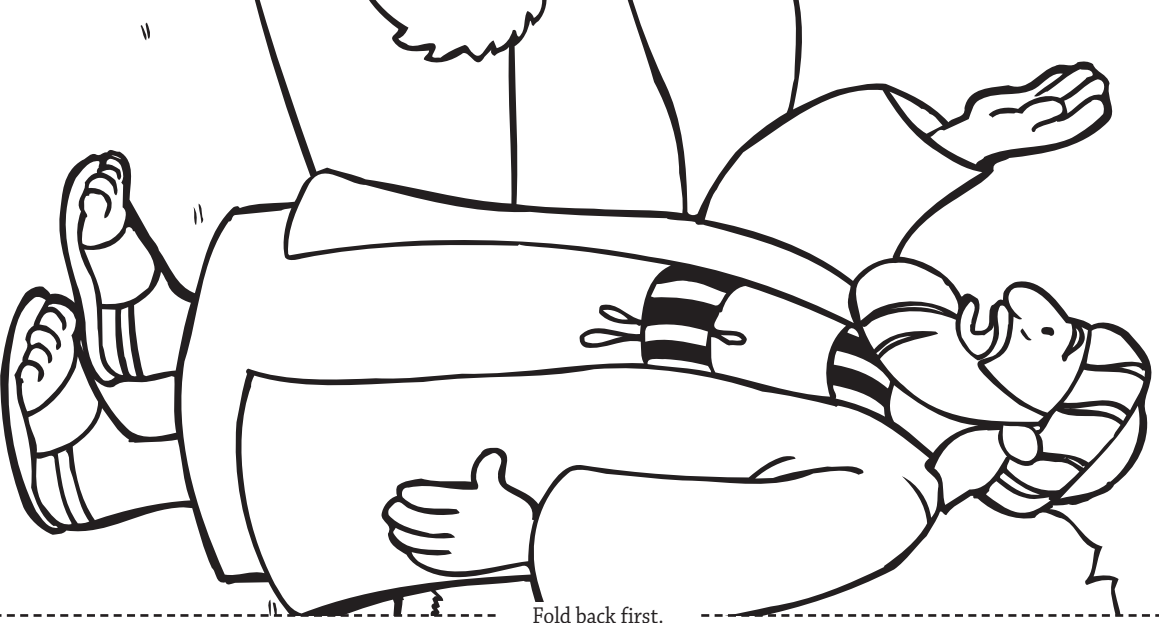
**“Forgive each other.”**  
(See Colossians 3:13.)

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- What kind thing did the father do when he saw his son coming home?
- Who is kind in your family? What does the person do?

- Teacher prefolds page.
- Child colors page.
- Child folds page to retell story action.



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Scene 1



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Scene 2

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# Jesus Heals a Blind Man John 9:1-11,35-38

## The Blind Man Sits

One day a man was sitting beside the road. He could not see the green grass. He could not see the yellow flowers. He could not see the blue sky. He could not see the children playing. He could not see with his eyes.

The man was blind, but he could hear. And this is what he heard: Step, step, step. Step, step, step. The blind man heard someone walking along the road.

## Jesus Helps

The blind man felt someone put cool mud on his eyes. He heard someone say, "Go now and wash in the pool of water." It was Jesus talking to him!

## The Blind Man Sees

The blind man went right away to the pool. And he washed the mud off his eyes. As he washed, something wonderful happened!

"I can see!" the man probably shouted. "I can see green grass and yellow flowers! I can see the blue sky! I can see children playing!"

## The Blind Man Tells

Soon people came to see what had happened. "Isn't this the man who was blind?" they asked.

The man was so excited. He must have shouted, "I AM the man who used to be blind! A man named Jesus put mud on my eyes and told me to wash in the pool. I did what He said and now I can see!" And everywhere the man went, he told that Jesus had made his eyes see.

### Conclusion

**Jesus showed His love by making this blind man see. I'm glad God shows His love to us, too. God helps us to see the good things He gives us.**

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Bible Story Activity 39

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“The Lord is good to all.”

Psalms 145:9

- What did Jesus do to show love to the blind man?
- What do you see that you want to thank God for?

- Teacher pre-folds page.
- Child folds page to make book.
- Child colors book.

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