

The story of the lost son

Can you remember a time when you have done something wrong? Did you want to hide or did you own up and tell someone? What happened when you said sorry?



Watch together:

Jesus told this story about a man who had two sons. One of them got things very wrong but was very sorry afterwards. You can watch our video here:

<https://youtu.be/bkY3pKh4V5U>

Chat together:

I wonder which part of this story you liked best?

In the story who does the father remind us of?

The father reminds us of *God* and how *God* really, really loves each one of us. Even when we get things wrong - and we all do sometimes - *God* still loves us even though it makes him sad. When we turn to *God* and say we are sorry he always forgives us and this makes him happy!

Pray together:

Go on a mini prayer walk together, hold hands and walk around the house and outside thinking about how much *God* loves you and saying thank you to *God* for these things. So you might 'stop' at a photo of your family then say thank you to *God* for your family, you might 'stop' at your larder and thank *God* for your food or maybe just outside your house to say thank you for your home ...

Then finish up by closing your eyes and imagining *God* giving you a huge hug as you pray '*Father God, thank you that you love us so very much, thank you for being a friend who will never let us down. Amen*'

Make together:

You will need some paper or card, glue, scissors and pens.

Fold a piece of paper in half and draw around your hand. Cut out two hand shapes - if you do this with the paper folded you will have two hands.

Cut a long strip of paper and a circle of paper. Attach the circle to the centre of the strip at the top and attach the hands at the ends. Draw a face on the circle. Under the circle write 'God loves me'. Fold the paper so the hands meet in the middle.



This craft will remind you of the story and the big hug the father gave his son and how God loves you too!

