

## The Prodigal Son

There was once a father who had two sons. The younger son wanted to go out and see the world. He asked his father for his share of money early, even though it wasn't time yet. The father loved his son very much and gave it to him.

The younger son left home and spent all his money very quickly. He bought things he didn't need and made choices that weren't wise. Soon, he had nothing left — no food, no money, not even a place to stay. He became very sad and hungry.

Finally, he thought, *"I should go back home. My father might be angry, but maybe he will let me work for him."*

So the son started the long walk home. While he was still far away, his father saw him coming. Instead of being angry, the father ran to his son, hugged him tightly, and kissed him. The father was so happy his son had returned!

The father gave him clean clothes, threw a big party, and said, **"My son was lost, but now he is found!"**

The older brother didn't understand at first. He had stayed home and helped every day. But the father told him, **"I love you both. Your brother is home again, and love is something we celebrate."**

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### Theme: Love

This story reminds us that love never gives up. Even when we make mistakes, we can always come back to love, forgiveness, and family.

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