

Jesus told parables that were based in everyday life. This helped people to understand the message in his stories. Jesus told the parable of the Prodigal Son to help us learn about Forgiveness.

## The Parable of the Prodigal Son.    Luke 15:11-32

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

When he came to his senses, he said, 'I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.' But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The father said to his servants, 'Quick! Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."