

H Q Grades 2 - 5

FAITH @ HOME

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Father

Read it:

Luke 15:11-32

See what amazing love the Father has given us! Because of it, we are called children of God.

1 John 3:1a (NIRV)

What happened?

Jesus told a story about two sons. The younger son asked for his share of the family property, then left and quickly wasted all his money. He had nothing, and took a job feeding pigs. Then he decided to go back to his father and ask to be a servant. When his father saw him coming, he ran to him and hugged him. His father threw a big party because he was so happy that his son had come home! The older brother, however wasn't so happy; he got angry that his father would welcome the younger brother after all he did.

God is a good Father who loves and cares for all his children.

Talk about it

- What should a good father be like?
- How do we know that God is a good father?

Talk about it some more!

Why do you think the older brother in the story was angry? Did the younger brother deserve to be welcomed home? The truth is that none of us deserves anything from God, but he gives us grace. Even if we think we have been following God our whole lives, we might still be lost, and we still need God's grace.

Learn more:

Read Matthew 7:9-11

What do these verses teach us about God? What does God promise us in this passage? Jesus uses a comparison between human fathers and our Heavenly Father; God is even better than the best human dad!

Think about it

When God says that he is our Father, this doesn't mean that he is just like our fathers on earth. Since our dads are human, sometimes they make mistakes; they are not perfect. God, however, is a perfect father; even when the people around us let us down, we can turn to him for comfort.

Pray about it!

Dear God, thank you that you are my Father. Thank you that you love me, care for me, and that I am your child. Please help me to remember the grace you have shown me and to show grace to others around me.

- Thank God for the ways he cares for you!
- Do you sometimes have trouble showing grace to others? Ask God to help you!