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Teaching resources for understanding **identity**



The Bible's answers to our big questions

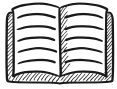


Lesson 5

I AM LOVED & FORGIVEN

Luke 15:11-32

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READ

I am loved and forgiven

LUKE 15:11-32

TRUTH = Our relationships with God and others are broken because of sin. Jesus can mend my friendship with God.

FAITH = Children who both see their role in the world's brokenness and know they are totally forgiven.

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.

LUKE 15:20

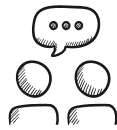


These children think they must be 'good' for God to love them. They don't see their need for forgiveness.

GOD'S BETTER STORY

Whatever our performance, we're:

- Loved by God - it's unearned.
- In need of forgiveness - whether we feel we're 'good' or 'bad'.
- Offered forgiveness - through Jesus' life and death, our loving heavenly Father welcomes us home.



TALK

This boy is outside the classroom because of 'bad' behaviour.

Adults and children, ask each other...



UNDER 7's

- Which brother in Luke 15 is this boy more like? Do you think he feels loved by God?
- What good news could you tell him from Luke 15?
- Do you need God's forgiveness, or are you alright without it?



OVER 8's

- Which brother are you most like? Why?
- How does the father feel about both sons? How can you tell?
- Is it easy or hard to admit your mistakes and say sorry? Why?
- How does God feel about you? How can you tell?

FEELINGS

Score out of 10 how much you think God loves you when...

- You're really well behaved
- You mess up

1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5 • 6 • 7 • 8 • 9 • 10

Does knowing that God is like the father in the story change your answer?



LIVE

Look for opportunities to talk and pray about being secure in God's love this week.

Start a conversation when someone in your family does wrong or acts superior.

ASK

- What did the father say?
- What would God say to you?

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

I am loved and forgiven!

- God's love can never be earned
- God's love can never be lost

PRAY

Ideas to help you pray.

1. SORRY – on paper, write down things you're embarrassed about and want to say sorry for. Fold it up, pray and then destroy it.

2. THANK YOU – God forgives us and gives us Jesus' record. Fill a clean page of paper with thanks to God.

It's safe to admit our greatest mistakes when we know we're completely loved and forgiven by God.



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Both guilt and pride can keep us from God.

