

Jesus told the people a sad story about the prodigal son. A boy left his father's home. He went to a country far away. The boy spent his money foolishly. Soon, his money was gone.

He did not know what to do. Then, there was a famine. The boy did not have money. He did not have food. Desperate with hunger, the boy got a job feeding pigs. But he had no food. He said, "Maybe I will eat the pig's food."

Finally, the boy thought, "At my father's house, even the servants eat well. I'll go home and tell Father I'm sorry for my sins. I'm not good enough to be his son anymore. I hope he'll give me a job as a servant."

While the boy was still a long way from home, his father saw him coming. Happily, the father ran to meet his son. He kissed the boy, and hugged him.

The boy said, "Father, I have sinned. I'm not worthy to be your son." The boy wanted to ask his father to hire him as a servant. But Father interrupted.

"Bring the best robe, sandals, and a ring for my son. And prepare a great party."

There was a wonderful party because the son who was lost returned home. He was found again! Jesus told this story because it shows how God loves to receive sinners who tell Him they are sorry, and come to Him.