



At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 6, Lesson 31

The Lost Son

Lesson Aim: To know God always
welcomes us to Him.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: The Lost Son
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: My Family Loves Me
- MUSIC CENTER: A Celebration
- DRAMATIC PLAY CENTER: God Loves Me!

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO TEACHES

Gather the children by welcoming each child to Praise Time by name:
"Welcome name of child!"

Today, we celebrate because God is happy when we come to Him. Let's come to Him right now in prayer. Have children bow their heads and close their eyes. Dear God, thank You for always loving us. We know You are always happy when we come to You. Amen.

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions.

THE WORD A FATHER WELCOMES HOME HIS SON CLASSROOM PROMISE

Wear your party hat and make noise with the noise maker. Today, I have a special hat and a special toy. Where do you see these kinds of hats and toys? (Parties.) What kinds of things do we do at parties? Sometimes, we have parties to let someone know we think they are special. In today's story, a father had a big party

for his son. Let's find out why. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Luke 15:20.

WATCH THE WORD: LUKE 15:11-24

Read poem. Display visual.

- There once was a man with two sons.
- The younger son packed up his things.
- He spent all his money on fun,
- Until he had spent everything.

- He worked at his job feeding pigs,
- But was hungry and all alone.
- He planned to say, "Father, I'm sorry,"
- So he started to walk back home.

- The father came running to hug his son.
- He kissed him and welcomed him home.
- He gave him a party. He gave him a ring.
- He gave him new shoes and a robe.

Who did the father hug? (His son.) The father was happy and welcomed home his son. Is God happy to see you? (Yes!) God loves you very much!

THE WAY GOD WELCOMES YOU

CRAFT: Lost Son Puppets

GAMES: Musical Hugs, Welcome!

SNACK: Welcome Party

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Luke 15:11-24

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: "Guide Me" Memory Hop, Follow the Leader

STORY TIME