



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 6, Lesson 31

The Lost Son

Lesson Aim: To know God welcomes us.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "You are welcome."

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO TEACHES

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to King Jesus. Jesus tells us stories that help us understand God's kingdom. Today, we will hear Jesus' story about a father who welcomed his son. That's what our Whisper Verse is about. Let's whisper, "You are welcome."

Review Whisper Verse together: "You are welcome." Include sign language.

When we say, "You are welcome," we are saying, "Come join us—we are glad you are here!" Tell your neighbor, "You are welcome."

God welcomes us because He loves us. Let's sing about His love as we give our offering. Sing: "How Wide" as background music while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

The stories Jesus taught help us understand more about God. Let's ask God to teach us something about Himself by singing our Bible Memory Verse Song. Sing: "Guide Me."

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

Because God loves us and makes us feel welcome, we can love and welcome others. Sing: "We Love."

THE WORD THE LOST SON CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned you don't need to worry because God will always take care of you. Who would like to tell the story, we learned last time, about how birds and flowers don't worry? Let one or two children take a turn telling the story while they hold the craft sample.

Today, we will hear the story of how the father welcomed his son. Handle 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 and kiss? (His son.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Luke 15:20 from the teacher's Bible. The father was happy and welcomed his son back home.

Is God happy to see you? (Yes!) God says, "You are welcome." That's our Whisper Verse! Let's say it together: "You are welcome." Include sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY GIVING TO GOD

CRAFT: Lost Son Puppets

GAMES: Scramble for Hugs, Welcome!

SNACK: Welcome Party

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Luke 15:11-24

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

STORY TIME