



**At-A-Glance: Camp Venture  
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus  
Unit 6, Lesson 31**

## **The Lost Son**

**Lesson Aim: To know God always  
welcomes us back to Him.  
(Salvation Message)**

### **THE WELCOME – CAMP GAMES**

**CAMP GAMES:** Handshake Marathon

### **THE WORSHIP – AT THE CAMPFIRE**

**JESUS AS THE KING WHO TEACHES**

**Today, we worship Jesus as our Teacher. In today's parable, Jesus teaches us about a father who forgave his son and welcomed him back with a big celebration. It's a picture of the way our Father in heaven loves us and always welcomes us to be with Him. As we give our offering, picture Him welcoming us from His throne in heaven. Sing: "Praise the Lord, O My Soul" while collecting the offering.**

**Just as the father welcomed the son, our heavenly Father welcomes us when we come to Him. Jesus clearly explains the way we can come to God the Father.** Read Worship Scripture: John 14:6.

Perform Critter Kingdom script or read storybook. Recite Camper's Code.

Present the salvation message. Share ABC (Salvation) Prayer.

**Now, let's celebrate those of you who chose to come back to God!**

Sing songs and worship God.

### **THE WORD & THE WAY – TENT TIME**

**KINGDOM PARABLE**

Camp Covenant.

**Welcome to Tent Time. Today, we heard the Parable of the Lost Son. The son took his money and left home. What happened to his money? (He spent it on wild living.)**

**Let's read what happened when the son returned home. Before we read, let's stand and ask God to open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds to His Word today. Who would like to pray that for us?** Choose a camper to pray aloud. Read Luke 15:20-24.

**Just as the son needed forgiveness, we all need God's forgiveness for our sin (doing wrong in God's eyes). During our worship around the campfire today, we learned how our sins have separated us from our heavenly Father. We saw how Jesus made a way for us to come to God and be close with Him forever. Jesus is the bridge between us and God.**

**Earlier today, some of you may have prayed the ABC Prayer. Is there anyone who has never prayed a prayer like that before and would like to do that with me now?** Lead campers in the ABC Prayer.

**If you prayed that prayer or one like it, you will live forever close with God! Some of you may have prayed that prayer a long time ago but now you feel distant from God. Just as the father was not angry with his son, God is not angry with you for wandering away from Him. God is waiting with open arms. If you have wandered away from God and want to be very close with Him again, pray this prayer with me now.** Pray a brief prayer of recommitment. **Did you know whenever anyone prays a prayer like these we have prayed, all of heaven celebrates, just as the father celebrated with his son in the parable? What do you think heaven's celebration looks like?**

**PARABLE PAL**

**During Tent Time, we always open our Camp Cooler to find something from our Parable Pal about the kingdom of God. Let's see what our Parable Pal can show us about the lost son.** Counselor opens cooler and reads the letter from the Parable Pal.

**SHARE A PRAYER**

Requests and the Lord's Prayer

**FINAL FIVE MINUTES**

- KINGDOM PARABLE JOURNAL: The Lost Son Kingdom Parable Sticker
- CHALLENGE: DAILY WAY OR W<sup>3</sup>
- PARABLE POSTER PROJECT: The Lost Son
- LETTERS FROM CAMP
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Pig Slop

**GAME:** Homecoming Relay

**CRAFT:** Parable Wind Chimes–The Lost Son

**DISCUSSION:** The Angry Brother

**BONUS PARABLE:** The Unforgiving Servant

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Fruit Concentrate, Fruit of the Spirit Hopscotch