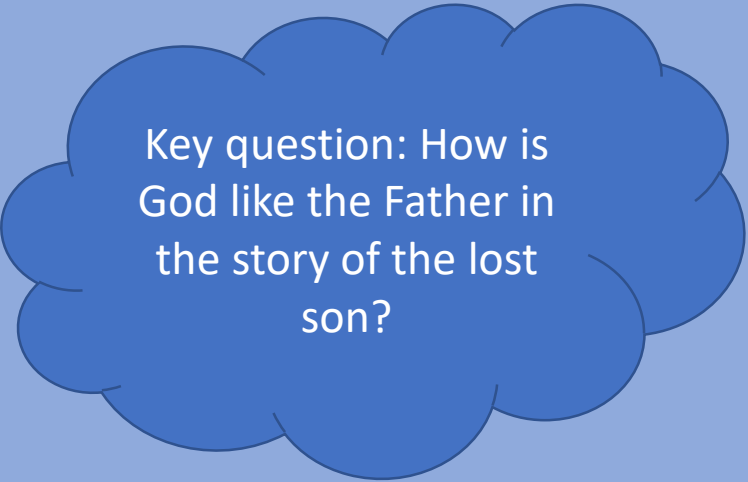


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Key question: How is  
God like the Father in  
the story of the lost  
son?

## The parable of the lost son

When you are watching the video of the story, think about why the father forgave his son and why forgiveness is so important

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=4&v=DJgROx4wFKM&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=DJgROx4wFKM&feature=emb_logo)

Discuss...

- Why is forgiveness important?
- Shall we always forgive people if they do something bad?

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## Hidden meanings

A **parable** is a story told by Jesus that teaches us something important. Parables can have hidden meanings, where they say one thing but mean something else. One of the hidden meanings in the parable 'the lost son' is all about forgiveness.

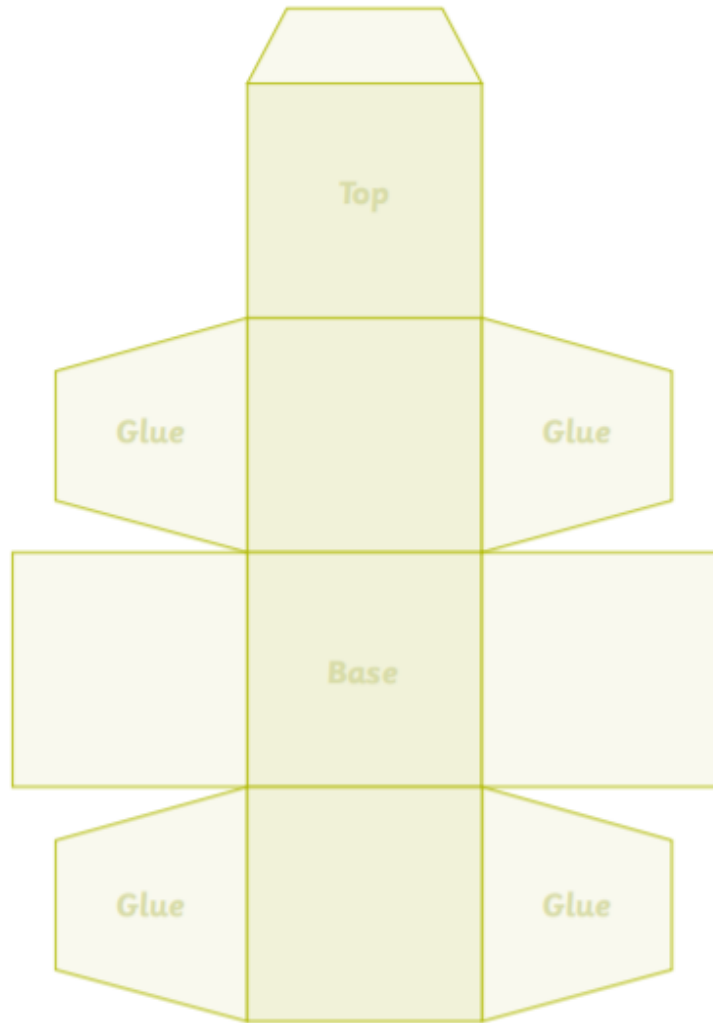
Some hidden meanings within the story:

1. God is forgiving, just like the father in the story
2. God is loving, just like a parent
3. It is okay to make mistakes
4. Forgiving people is important when they make mistakes

Can you think of a time when you forgave someone?

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## 1.1 GOD RESOURCE SHEET 1: HIDDEN MEANING BOXES



Using the hidden meaning box (or any box), draw pictures of the story of the lost son on the outside, and write the hidden meanings of the story on strips of paper to put inside the box.



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## Literal meanings



The father was happy his lost son came home

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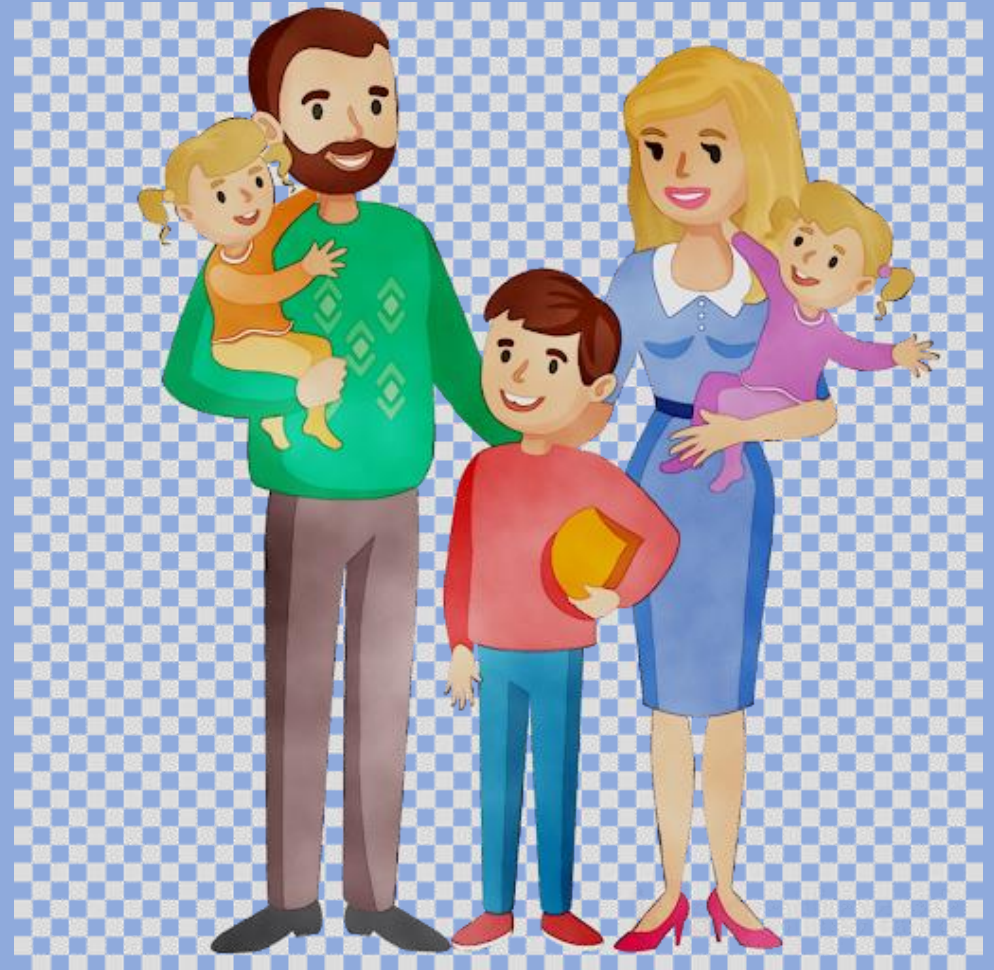
Plenary:

For Christians the parable of the lost son teaches them that God is loving and forgiving, just like a parent.

What do parents do to show they love their children?

What do children do to show they love their parents?

Does the love go both ways?





# Quiz!

1. In the story, how many sons did the father have?
2. What is a parable?
3. What was the hidden meaning in the story?
4. What does the story teach us about God?
5. Why is it important to forgive people?
6. What do Christians read to learn about God?