

# The Lost Son: Jesus Teaches About Forgiveness



A parable is an imaginary story told to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.

Task: To find out from the story of the Lost Son what Christians believe about forgiveness.

1. Read the story from the Bible. You can find it in Luke chapter 15 verses 11 – 32. One person can read it aloud to the group.
2. Go to 'Bible – Life and Teaching of Jesus' and choose 'The Lost Son' (<http://www.request.org.uk/main/bible/jesus/lostson/lostson01.htm>)
3. Read the story carefully, and then go to the quiz. There are ten questions to test your knowledge of the story!
4. Make a poster to show what Christians believe about forgiveness, after looking at the parable of The Lost Son.
5. Retell the story of the Lost Son from the point of view of the older brother. Show how he felt about the welcome their father gave to his younger brother.
6. All talk about the times you have found it hard to forgive people – write down some examples (no names please!)
7. Write the question 'What do Christians believe about forgiveness?' on a piece of paper. Try to come up with some answers, and write them underneath.