



# Growing FAITH at home

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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## Lost and found



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## CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. Share about a time when someone forgave you. How did you feel?
2. Jesus told a parable about a prodigal son. How do you think the son felt when his father welcomed him back?
3. In what ways is God like the forgiving father?



## BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

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| <b>S</b> | <b>Luke 15:1-3,11b-32</b>    | Parable of the forgiving father |
| <b>M</b> | <b>Joshua 5: 9-12</b>        | Roll away the shame of slavery  |
| <b>T</b> | <b>2 Cor 5: 16-21</b>        | We are God's ambassadors        |
| <b>W</b> | <b>Genesis 45:25 - 46:30</b> | Jacob sees his son Joseph again |
| <b>T</b> | <b>Luke 15:1-7</b>           | The parable of the lost sheep   |
| <b>F</b> | <b>Romans 5:6-11</b>         | Reconciled to God               |
| <b>S</b> | <b>Psalm 32</b>              | I confess all my sins           |

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

"For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

LUKE 15:24



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

As part of your home devotion times this week, read the *Parable of the Prodigal Son* (or the *Forgiving Father*) from a Bible or Bible storybook (if you have younger children you may wish to act it out using finger puppets and simple props).

Discuss the feelings and responses of each of the main characters (younger son, father, older son) in the parable.

Ask: "What is Jesus trying to say to us through this character?"



## ACTION RESPONSE

When the younger son returned home his father held a feast to welcome him back.

Do you have a tradition of offering hospitality to others in your home?

Is it something you can think about trying? Has your street ever done a street party and shared a meal?

Is it something you could try?



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Father in heaven, you give us so much that we don't deserve. Please give us one more thing: thankful hearts! Amen.



## PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving us and forgiving us. We rejoice because of you. Amen.



## BLESSING

(Name) celebrate your new life in Jesus.