

Parable of the Prodigal Son

(Luke 15)

¹Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach.²This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

¹¹A man had two sons

1	¹² The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now before you die.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons	A son lost
2	¹³ “A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living.	Goods wasted in extravagant living
3	¹⁴ About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve.	Everything is lost
4	¹⁵ He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs.	The great sin
5	¹⁶ The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.	Total rejection
6	¹⁷ “When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger!’	A change of mind
S6’	¹⁸ I will go home to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.”	An initial repentance
5’	²⁰ “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.	Total acceptance
4’	²¹ His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’	The great repentance
3’	²² “But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet.	Everything restored, son reinstated
2’	²³ And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast,	Goods used for celebration
1’	²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.	A son is found

Parable Worksheet

Prodigal Son – Matthew Luke 15:11-32

Main Characters:

Main Events/Scenes:

Turning Point:

Historical-Cultural Gaps (THEN ↔ NOW):

Main Point:

EARTHLY

HEAVENLY