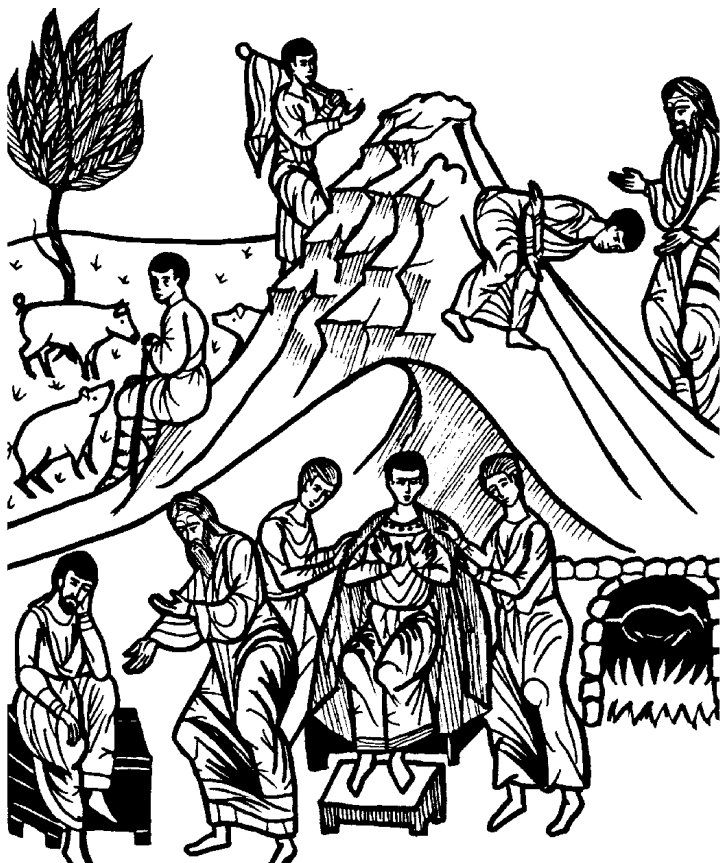


The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32

The Parable of the Prodigal Son tells about a runaway who comes to his senses and returns home. But the most important person in the parable is the father. The son returns home not because of love or because he had the courage to make things right, but because he has a selfish personal need. But the love of the father for both of his sons, even though they are both difficult for different reasons, shines through the parable. There is nothing the sons could do that would make the father stop loving them. The image we have here is of God's love for each of us! Jesus wants to teach us that God is love and His most important concern, His supreme joy, is to have us live near Him as His sons and daughters.



Read Luke 15:11-32 in your New Testament.

1. What did the younger son do after receiving his share of his father's property (vs. 13)?

He _____ his part of the property.

He _____ home with the money.

He went to _____

2. What made him come to his senses (vs. 17)? _____

3. On what terms did the younger son think he could return home (vss. 18-19)?

Father, I have _____ against God and against you.

I am no longer _____. Treat me as _____

4. How did the father respond to the son's homecoming (vs. 20)?

He _____ him, while he was still a long way off.

His heart _____. He _____ to him.

He _____ his arms around his son. He _____ him.

5. How did the father respond to the angry older son (vs. 28)?

He _____ to him. He _____ him to come in.

6. What answer did the father give to his older son's resentful complaints?

The Lost Son



The younger son wanted all of his share of his father's money so he could go far away and live by himself. He spent all of the money doing bad things. Then there was a famine - there was no food in the country where he was. He was not even allowed to eat what the pigs ate. He decided that his father's servants were better off than he was so he went back home and asked his father to forgive him and make him a servant. The father was not mad at all. He had the servants put the best robe on his son and threw a party because he was so happy that his lost son had come back home. The father said "For this son of mine ... was lost and now is found" And they began to celebrate!