# The Parable of the Waiting Father Luke 15.11-32

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The older son worked hard and obeyed all that his father told him to do.

The younger son liked to play and have fun. He wasn't interested in working.



### Was this a happy family?



One day, the younger son went to his father and said.





#### The father was shocked!





## Far Away

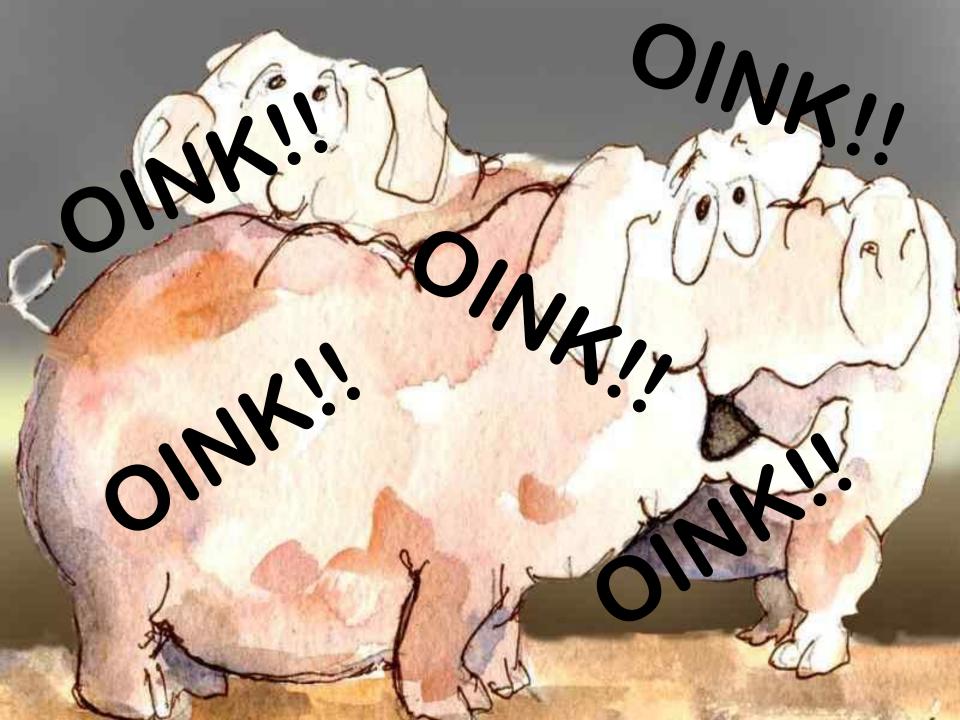
The younger son gathered all he had, and set off for a far away country.



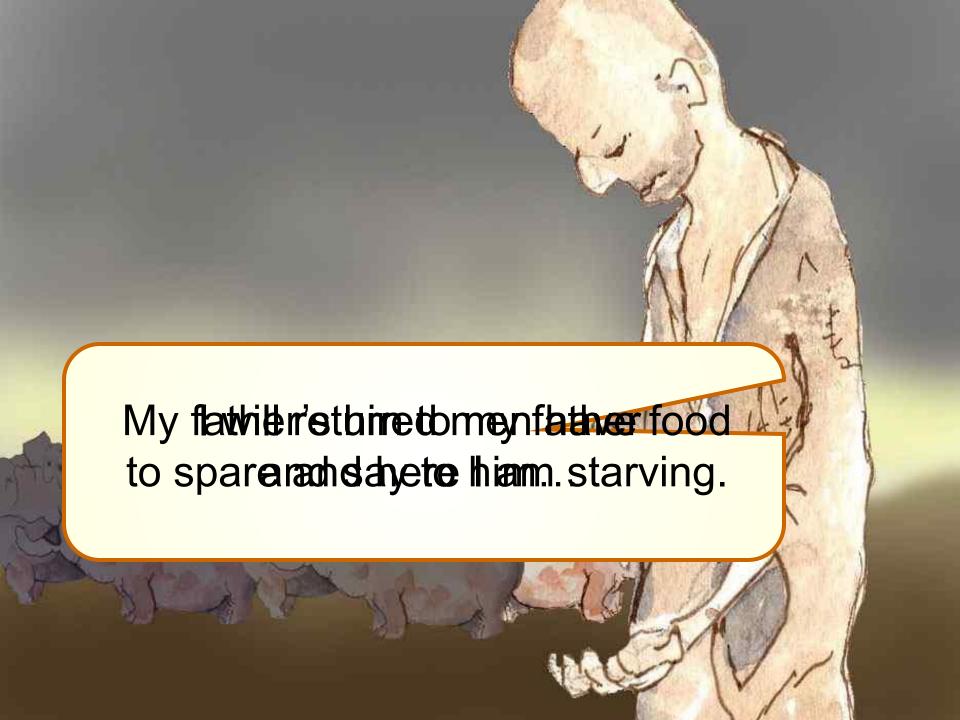
### Guess what happened next?

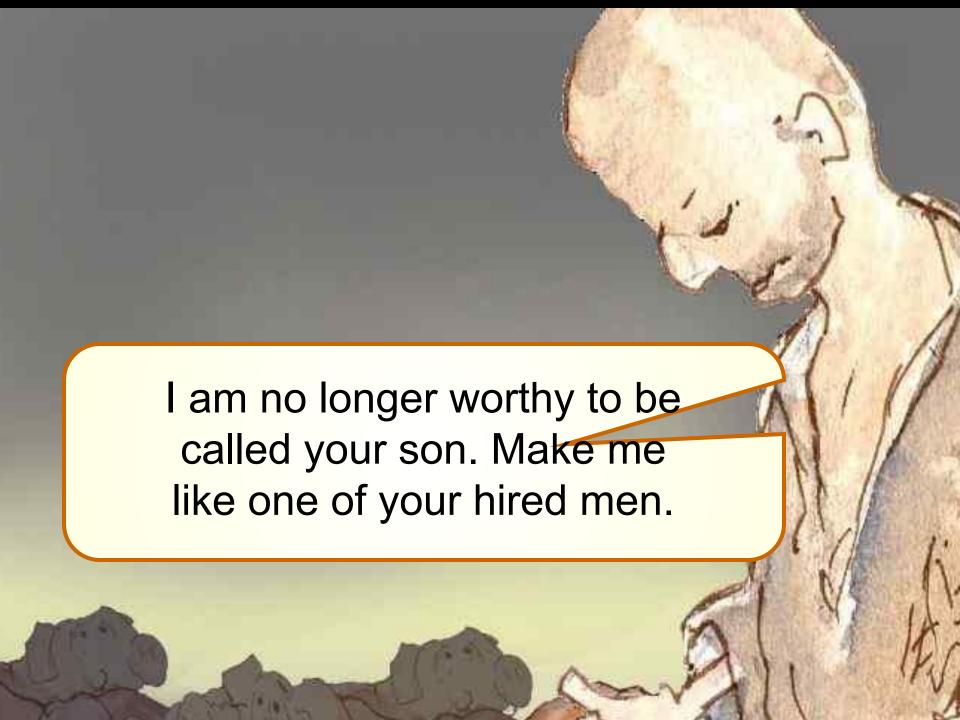






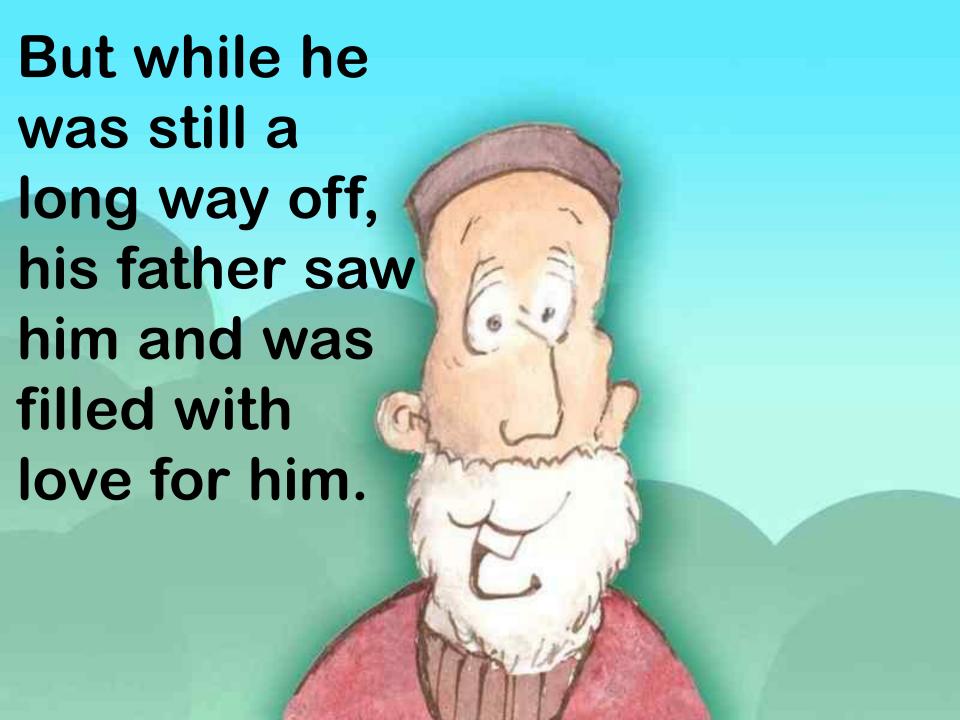


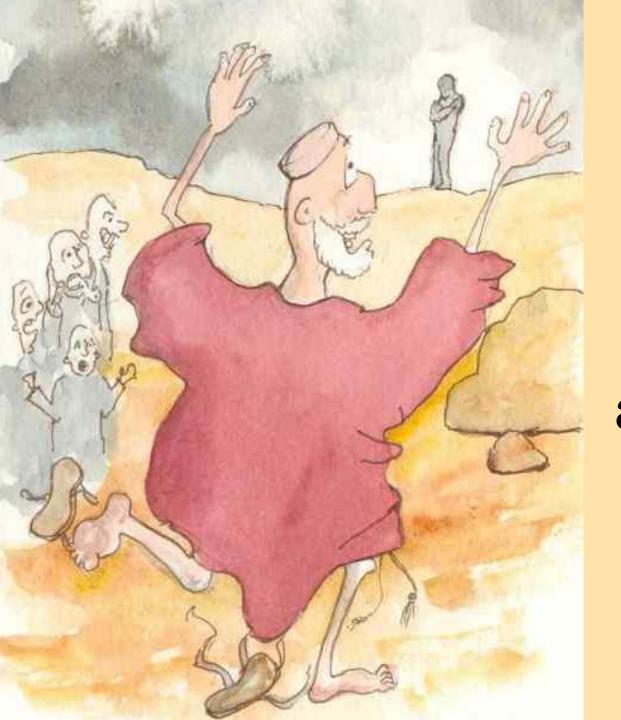




# So he headed home to his father.

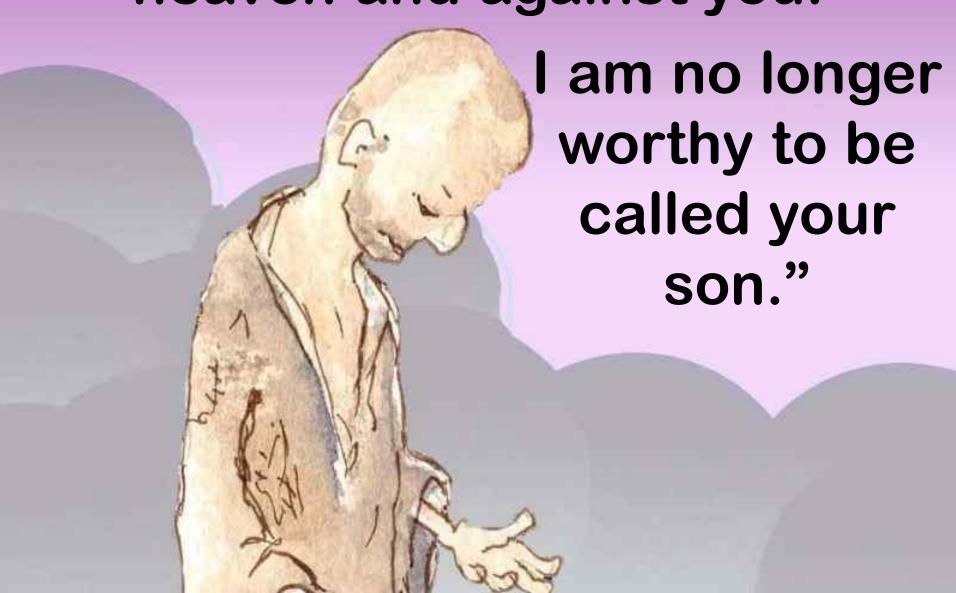


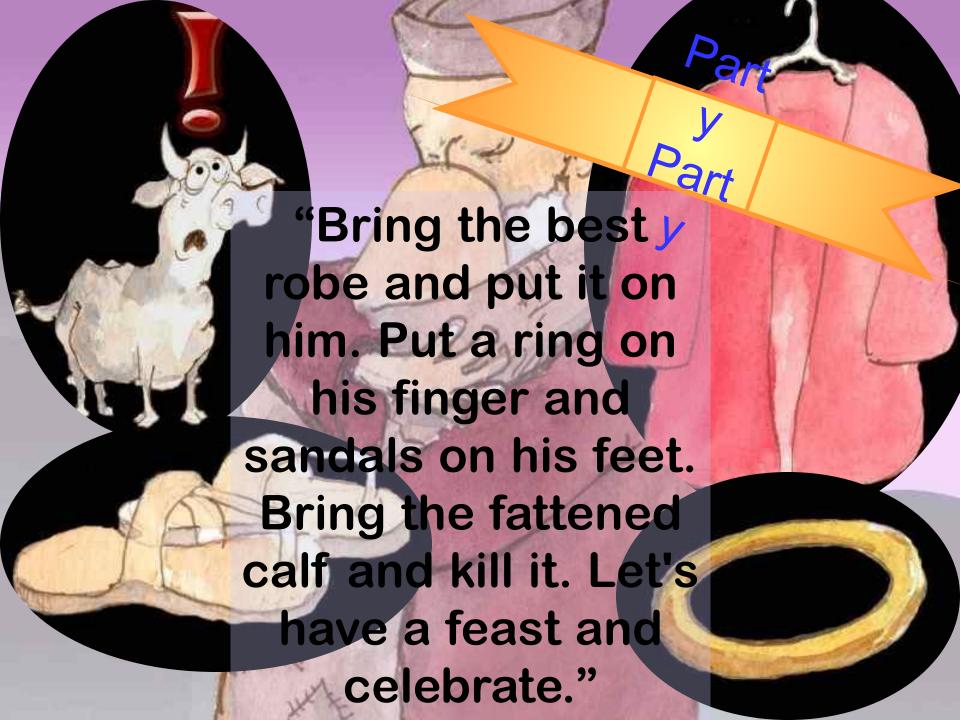


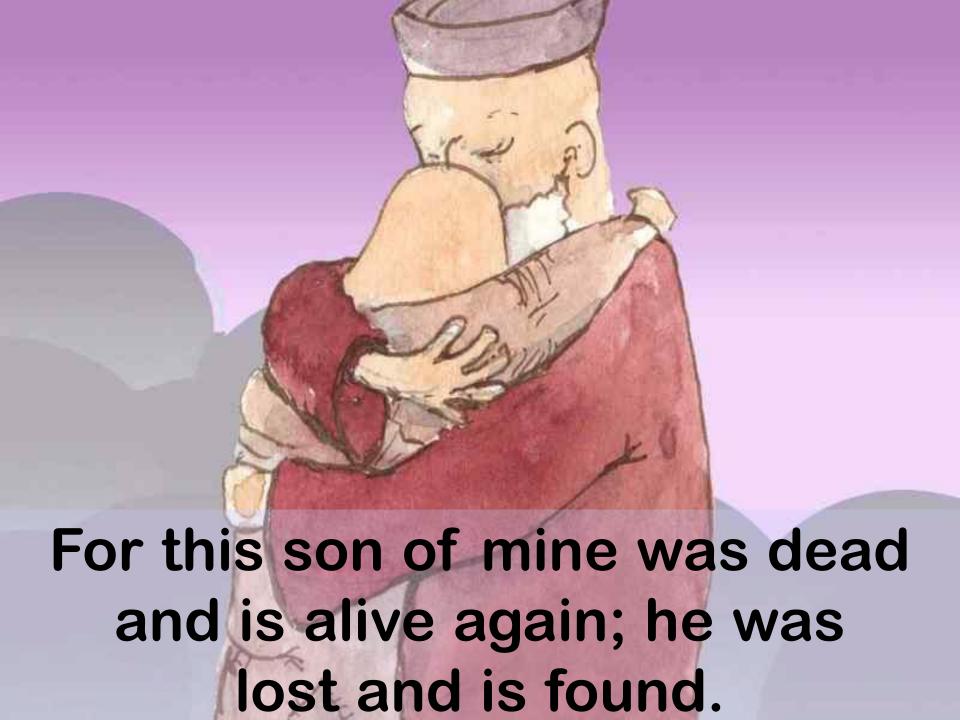


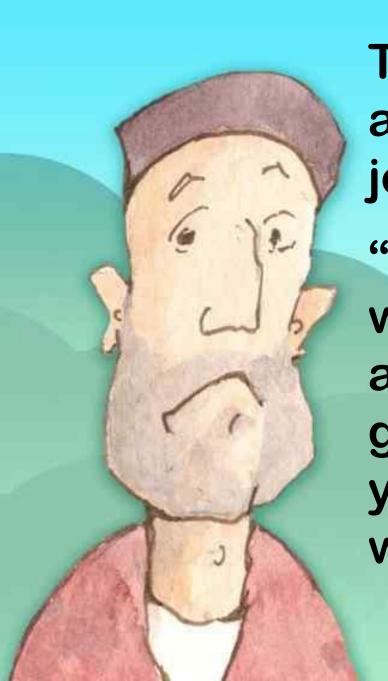
He ran to his son, threw his arms around him, and kissed him.

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.



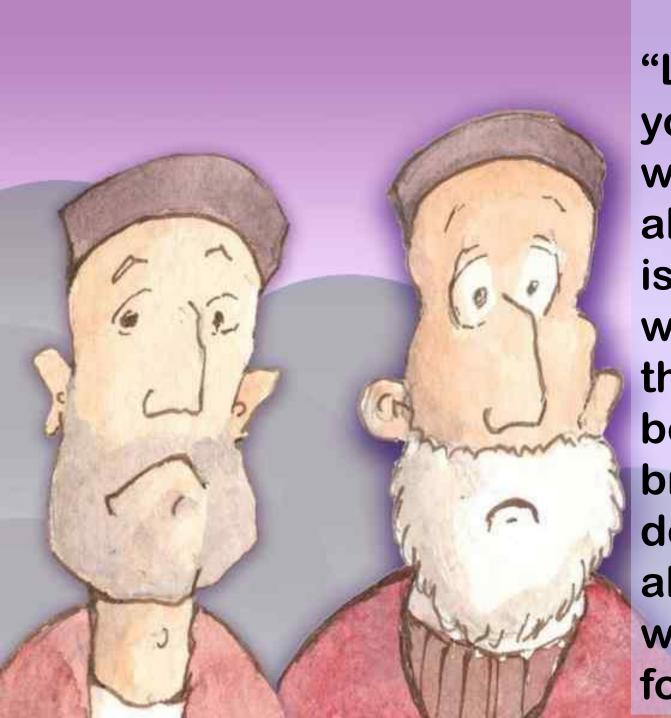






The older brother was angry and refused to join the party.

"All these years I've worked for you. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends."



"Look, my son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. But we celebrate this happy day because your brother was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found!"

Just as the father in this story loved his sons, God, our Heavenly Father, loves his children. Even when we disappoint him and stray from what he has taught us, his love remains strong and he longs for our return.

There is no end to our Heavenly Father's love!!

