

The Prodigal Son

2nd Sunday
before Lent

One day Jesus told the people this story about a father and his two sons: one son loved his father very much and always did as his father asked. The other son was lazy. He didn't like to do the work his father asked him to do.

One day the lazy son asked his father for some money. He was tired of working and wanted to leave home. His father was sad. He loved his son very much. But he gave the son some money and said goodbye.

The lazy son went into the city and spent all the money. He bought many fancy things for himself. Soon his money was all gone. He was hungry. He had no place to sleep. He began to miss his father. The boy decided to go home. He knew it was wrong to leave home and spend all his father's money. He hoped his father would let him be one of his servants and work for him.

The boy's father was so happy when he saw him coming home! He told his servants to prepare a big feast and bring some beautiful clothes for his son to wear. The other son heard what his father said and was angry. Why didn't his father punish the lazy son? He had done something very wrong. Instead, his father was being so kind to this lazy son!

The father saw that his good son was upset. "I am glad that my other son has come back home!" his father explained.

God is just like this father. We are like the sons. Most of the time we are like the good son and listen to what God wants us to do. We obey our parents. We love our brothers and sisters. We are kind to others. We go to church. But sometimes we are like the lazy son and disobey God. When we are sorry for the wrong things we do and change our ways, this makes God so happy and He forgives us. God always loves us and wants us to love Him.

