

REFLECTION IDEAS

A Son's Choices (The parable of the Prodigal Son)

Luke chapter 15 verses 11 to 32

Reflection

- Think about the choices you make today – try to make them good ones
- Do you think the son was right to go back to the father and say sorry? Why?
- How easy do you find it to say sorry when you have made a bad choice?
- How easy is it to forgive someone if they have made a bad choice and hurt you?

Story Link

A cartoon version of this story is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJgROx4wFKM>

Inspire Prayer Space Activity – Fizzy Forgiveness

Equipment

- Clear jug, jar or large bowl, water, Vitamin C or other safe fizzy tablets (or a spoon of sugar).

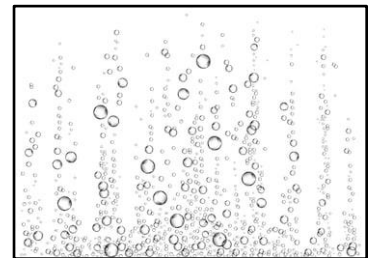
Set up

- Fill up your jug or large bowl with water

Instructions

- Sometimes we feel hurt by the things other people say or do to us. Holding onto those hurts can make us feel sad, or angry. Forgiveness is about letting go.
- Take a piece of tablet (or spoon of sugar) and think about your hurt feelings. When you feel ready, drop it into the water. Watch as it dissolves and imagine the hurt disappearing.
- You may want to pray as you do this, asking God to help you.

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Adapted from a Prayer Spaces in Schools resource



See below for activity sheet

A Son's Choices Picture Story

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Draw a picture in each box to tell the story of the son who made some bad, and good, choices.

<p>1. Jesus told this story to show what God is like: There once was a man who had two sons.</p>	<p>2. The younger son asked for his share of the father's money, and then he went on a long journey.</p>	<p>3. He chose to spend all of his money on expensive clothes and hotels ...</p>	<p>4. ... and on food and parties.</p>
<p>5. When the money ran out his friends left him and he had to find work feeding pigs.</p>	<p>6. He knew he had made bad choices, so he decided to go back home, say sorry and ask for a job.</p>	<p>7. When he was nearly home, his father saw him and ran to meet him. He forgave his son.</p>	<p>8. The held a big party to celebrate that the son who had been lost was now back home.</p>

Find all the differences between the two pictures of the son feeding the pigs

