

## UNIT 2 – STORY STORY 1

### Lesson 2 Back home



**Text:** Luke 15:11-32



**Bible Truth:** God's arms are open wide ready to receive anyone who wants to return to him.



**Central Truth:** We need to remember who we are and whose we are.



**Memory Verse:** Luke 15:32 "... This thy brother was dead and is alive again; and was lost and is found."

#### GETTING STARTED



1. The children can talk about how they felt when they lost something and then found it again. OR
2. The teacher will hide something in the room e.g. a packet of biscuit. Anyone who finds it gets to keep it. OR
3. A few students can do a jig saw puzzle with one piece missing. When they finish and comment on the missing piece, the teacher can then give them the missing piece.

#### THE WORD



A rich man had two sons. One day the younger one asked for his inheritance because he no longer wanted to be under the authority of his father. He felt that he was man enough to decide what he wanted to do with his life. His father didn't argue with him because he has a free will, but the action hurt the father's heart. The young man had not learnt to handle money well, and so soon, the money that he thought was so much finished, and his so called friends deserted him. In order to survive, the young man went to work for a man, feeding his pigs. It was at this time that he came back to his senses and decided to go back home. At this time he was willing to just be a servant just so that he could eat decent food. However, his father had missed him and he still saw him as his son.

That's how it is with us at times. We feel that our parents or our teachers are too bossy and we want to become free of them. We feel that once we grow up, we will not have to answer to any adult at all. Sometimes as teenagers we do things without letting our parents know. After all we know what we want. Sometimes when we go against what our parents or teachers tell us, we see the negative consequences of our actions and sometimes realize why we were told to do something or were told not to do something.

As Christians, if we turn away from God, through our words and/or actions saying that God is no longer in charge of our lives, we are like the prodigal son. The good news is that if we confess our sins, God is willing to forgive us our sins. If we repent and go back to God, his arms are open wide to take us back. Let us not be afraid of going back to God. Let us encourage our friends, family members, and people around us to return to God.

#### MEMORY VERSE



Luke 15:32 "... This thy brother was dead and is alive again; and was lost and is found."

## SONG – Jesus Loves Me

### Verse 1

Jesus loves me. This I know  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to him belong  
They are weak but he is strong

### Chorus

Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me.  
The Bible tells me so.

### Verse 2

Jesus loves me every day  
He guides my steps along the way  
When I have a doubt or fear  
I call on him and he draws near.

### Chorus

### Verse 3

Jesus loves me when I'm good  
When I do the things I should.  
Jesus loves me when I'm bad  
Though it makes him very sad.

### Chorus

### Verse 4

Jesus loves me. He who died.  
Heaven's gate to open wide.  
He will wash away my sin.  
Let his little child come in.

### Chorus

## AT OUR LEVEL

- When we say that Jesus is our Lord, what does it mean?
- What are some of the things that people do that shows that they are not taking Jesus as their Lord?
- Will what God tells one person to do always be the same as what he tells another person to do? Explain.
- As children of God, what is available for us in God's house?
- What should we do if we do something that we know was wrong?

## CONFESSION

I do the right thing because it is the right thing to do. I obey my parents. I obey my teachers. I study the word of God and I obey God. If I sin against God, I apologize to him. If I offend my parents or teachers, I ask for their forgiveness. I will stay on the path that leads to life. I will follow Jesus as he leads me. God wants the best for me and I will not leave him. I am forgiven. I am blessed. I am a child of the most high God.

## REVISION

1. The memory verse for today's lesson is \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which of the two sons in today's story was the prodigal son? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Mention two or three benefits of being a child of God? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Why do some people feel that their parents or teachers are sometimes too bossy? \_\_\_\_\_

## ACTIVITY

Level 1 – Walk down the path created by the teacher.

Level 2 – Walk down the path created by the teacher.

Level 3– Walk down path according to cone colours told you by your teacher.

Level 4 – Walk down the path according to what the person leading you says. The person being led is blindfolded.

**IN CLOSING** Summarize the lesson and pray.