



“The Prodigal Son”

SuperTruth: Our heavenly Father is always ready to forgive.

SuperVerse: “O Lord, You are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who ask for Your help.” (Psalm 86:5)

Introduction:

Today we will watch a new Superbook video, “The Prodigal Son.” It is a parable, or short story, that Jesus told to help people understand something very important about God.

Let’s see why Chris’ friend seems to be in trouble! But first, let’s meet a shepherd boy back in Bible times to see if he can keep track of his sheep.

Play Video on the Church App, Website, or YouTube: <https://youtu.be/imHJo-dF4O8>

Play Video: Chris and Joy’s Dillema (5:00 minutes)

- Pause video and ask the following question.

Follow up Question

1. Chris’ friend Aaron is in trouble. Joy believes he should return home, but Chris isn’t so sure. What do you think he should do?

Today’s SuperTruth says, “Our Heavenly Father is always ready to forgive.” God is ready to forgive, no matter what we have done. That gives me a lot of hope; how about you? Let’s watch the rest of the video and see what happens!

Play Remainder of Video: Bible Story and Resolution

The father in Jesus’ parable was waiting and watching for his long-lost son to return—not to punish him, but to forgive, accept, and welcome him home. Who does this remind you of? God, our heavenly Father. Yes, God is waiting for us to call upon Him. His love will always be there for us, no matter what happens.

The son’s actions and earlier attitude displayed many forms of sin: disobedience, pride, greed, and selfishness, to name a few. But, on his way home, the son was met by his father who brought love, compassion and forgiveness to his lost son.

God is not eagerly waiting to punish us; He is ready to forgive us. It doesn’t matter what the sin is, our loving heavenly Father is ready to meet us with forgiveness like the father in our Superbook story.

Bible Reading

Read Romans 3:10 and Isaiah 53:6

The Pharisees and other religious leaders did not understand Jesus' mission on Earth. They questioned why He would spend time with people they called sinners. The Pharisees were proud of their good works and trusted their self-righteousness to put them in right standing with God. They thought they were better than most other people. Yet they didn't understand that they were sinners, too!

The older brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son believed that all his good works and obedience to the father put him in right standing with his father—certainly much better than his younger brother! Both the Pharisees and the older brother were lost and didn't even know it! They lacked the love that the father showed.

Read John 10:11 and Romans 5:8

The father represents God, our Heavenly Father. He watches and waits patiently for us to repent of our sin and return home to be with Him! No matter what sins we have committed, no matter how far we have wandered away, He offers His grace, His mercy, His forgiveness, and His love to us!

Jesus is our Good Shepherd, and He looks for lost sheep! Jesus said in His parable that if a shepherd has 100 sheep and one gets lost, the shepherd will leave the others and look for that one lost sheep until it is found! Every single one of us is important to Jesus! We are so important that He died for us!

Read Titus 3:4-5, Matthew 4:17, and Luke 15:7

The father was filled with joy and thanksgiving that his lost son had finally come home to live with him again! Did you know that heaven celebrates when one of God's children comes home?

Yes! The Bible tells us that heaven is filled with joy when one lost sinner who wandered away repents and returns to God! We are all invited to God's party. Jesus came to seek and save the lost. He died for us that we might return home and spend eternity with Him in heaven!

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