

The Father Who Ran

A prodigal son play for kids · 6 minutes · a narrator reads Luke 15 (KJV)

Parts: Narrator (an adult or strong reader) · The father · The younger son · The older son · The citizen (the man with the fields) · Swine (the littlest ones, any number) · Servants (any number). **Lines in bold** are said by the children. Everything the narrator reads in quotation marks is the King James Bible.

Scene 1: The younger son leaves

The father stands center with his two sons.

Narrator: Jesus told this story. "A certain man had two sons:"

Younger son: Father, give me my share now!

Narrator: "And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living." *(The younger son waves goodbye, walks to the far side of the stage and drops his coins one by one.)*

Scene 2: In the far country

Narrator: "And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine." *(The citizen points; the son kneels among the swine.)*

Swine: Oink! Oink!

Narrator: "And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him."

Younger son: I'm so hungry!

Narrator: "And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!"

Younger son: I will go home to my father! *(He starts the long walk home.)*



Scene 3: The father runs

The father stands on the other side, looking down the road.

Narrator: "And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him." *(The father runs and hugs his son.)*

Younger son: Father, I have sinned. I am not worthy to be called your son.

Narrator: "But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:"

Servants: Yes, sir! *(They bring the robe, the ring and the shoes.)*

Narrator: "And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:"

Father: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found!

Scene 4: The older son

The older son walks in from the field and stops.

Older son: What is all this?

Narrator: "And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him." *(The father walks out to the older son.)*

Older son: I have served you all these years. Why does he get the fatted calf?

Narrator: "And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found."

Finale

Narrator: Jesus told this story so we would know what God is like. When we come back to Him and say we are sorry, He is ready to forgive.

Everyone: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9!

Sing the first verse of Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling together.

