**The Story of the Lost Son**

Some people didn't like that Jesus talked to people who made wrong choices.

Jesus told them this story:

There was a rich farmer. He had two sons who worked with him on his farm.

One son did not like working.

"Half of your money will be mine one day," he said to his father.

"I want my share now."

The father gave his son the money.

The son took it and rode away on his donkey.

His father watched him go. He was very sad.

The son went to the city. He bought new clothes and a big house.

He made lots of new friends.

He had lots of parties.

The son spent all his money.

His friends left him.

He sold his clothes and house.

He had nothing left.

He was very hungry.

He got a job looking after pigs.

He thought about his father.

"My father's servants always have plenty to eat." he thought.

"I'll go home."

It was a long journey.

He had to walk all the way.

At last, he reached his home.

He was tired, dirty and dressed in rags.

The father saw his son. He ran out to meet him.

He was very happy to see his son again. He hugged and kissed him.

"I am sorry, father" said the son.

"I have done wrong.

I don't deserve to be your son anymore,

Please let me be one of your servants."

The father took him into the house.

He gave his son new clothes and shoes.

He told his servants to get ready for a great party.

The other son was very angry.

"Father,” he said. "I've always worked hard but you give me nothing.”

"My dear son," said the father. "Everything I have is yours. I thought your brother was dead. I'm so happy he's alive and home again."

"God is like that," said Jesus.

"If one person says sorry for doing wrong,

God is happy and there is a party in Heaven."