

The Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32)

A story about families, parties and forgiveness

There was a man who had two sons
an older and a younger one.

The younger one left home
with half his dad's money

And he moved to a place
where the sun was always sunny.

And as soon as he got there; he said....

Let's have a party, let's have fun let's celebrate with everyone!

He partied all day and he partied all night
He spent Dad's money which wasn't right

And he ended up broke, and all alone
And really wished he was back home

And he said.....

I can't have a party; I can't have fun and where on earth is everyone!

He ran out of money; he ran out of food
He was cold and hungry and in a bad mood

And the only job he could find nearby
was feeding the pigs in a smelly pig sty

And after a few days of that he said....

This is no party; This isn't fun and I'm really smelly everyone!

What can I do, I need a plan,
I think my Dad's a reasonable man

The first thing I need to do is say sorry
I got it wrong, you must have been worried

Just give me a job, I'll work for you
I'll work as hard as the others do

I don't need parties, I don't need fun I'd just like to be with everyone

Back at the home his Dad saw a figure,
It started off small and began to get bigger

And he shaded his eyes from the glare of the sun
and said, 'Wait a minute that's my son!'



**Let's have a party, let's have fun
let's celebrate with everyone!**

And he ran to his son and he stretched his arms wide
And said "Son you're back, come on inside
We'll have a feast, we'll tell our friends
this story has a happy end!"

**Let's have a party, let's have fun
Let's celebrate with everyone!**

Then Dad looked across at his older son
Who was looking cross, he was looking glum
and he said to his Dad, 'Dad it's just not fair
I've stayed right here, not gone anywhere
I've worked so hard and I've worked so long
and I haven't had a party in oh so long'

**Where's my party? Where's my fun?
have I been forgotten by everyone?**

And his Dad sighed and put his arm around his older son and said

Son, I know you're always here
to me you are so very dear
but you brother is back after losing his way
isn't that worth celebrating
what do you say?

And the son said.....

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And the son said..... Well, we don't know, but we hope the son found a way of
forgiving his brother just as his father had forgiven him and said....

**Let's have a party lets have fun
Let's celebrate with everyone!**

`cause...

**It's a better a party, it's more fun
when we celebrate with everyone!**

