

## **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!**

