

# I've Got Questions: Who is the Father?

(Luke 15:11-32)

**Opening Discussion:** How difficult is it for you to see God as your Father? Does your relationship with your earthly father have any influence on that?

**Big Idea:** In reconciling His \_\_\_\_\_ to Himself, God is also reconciling His children to \_\_\_\_\_.

## 1. The Younger Son's \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 15: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_)

*For further discussion: Can you relate to the journey of the younger son? Why do you think that we have so identified this parable with this character? (See 2 Peter 3:8-9: What does Peter tell us about what God desires for wayward sinners? What will happen if they fail to repent?)*

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## 2. The Older Son's \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 15: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_)

*For further discussion: Can you relate to the blindness of the older son? Have you ever been in a situation where you were in the wrong but couldn't see it? What made you realize your blindness? (See also Luke 6:39-42: What does this parable add to our understanding of the Older Brother's blindness? Does it comfort you that even in their blindness, Jesus still desired for the Pharisees to come to repentance?)*

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## 3. The Father's \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 15: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_)

*For further discussion: Why did the two sons have such different reactions to the Father's love? Why do you think it was so important to the Father that his children reconcile? What would it take for the older brother to come inside? (See also Matthew 5:23-24: What does this passage add to our understanding of the importance of reconciling with our brothers and sisters? What does this reconciliation have to do with our relationship with God? Is there anything that God is speaking to you through His word regarding this parable and the world around us?)*

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**Response:** Is there \_\_\_\_\_ in your life that you need to be \_\_\_\_\_ to?

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