

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

25 MINUTES

**TALK
ABOUT GOD**
BIBLE STORY
REVIEW

BIBLE STORY

Please Forgive Me
The Story of the Lost Son
Luke 15:11-24

MEMORY VERSE

**Put up with one another.
Forgive one another if
you are holding something
against someone. Forgive,
just as the Lord forgave you.**
Colossians 3:13, NIV

LIFE APP

**Forgiveness—Deciding that
someone who has wronged
you doesn't have to pay**

BOTTOM LINE

Everyone needs to be forgiven.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.



IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

1. LIGHT BULB!

WHAT YOU NEED: "Light Bulb Story Cards" and "Light Bulb Visual" Activity pages; wall tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide your group into two teams and assign each team a wall, preferably on opposite sides of the room.
- Tape a "Light Bulb Visual" to each team's wall and place the "Light Bulb Story Cards" in the middle of the room, separated into two piles.
- Teams must start from the middle of the room.
- The first player on each team grabs a Story Card and puts a tape loop on it (you could have this done in advance if you have younger players).
- Then they run to their team's wall and decide if the Story Card goes before or after the "light bulb moment" when the younger son realized he could be forgiven.
- Then they run back and tag the next person in their group.
- After all the strips are on the wall, subsequent players can move one strip at a time if they think it's out of order.
- When the team feels confident that their strips are in order, they should stand with their backs to their wall and say together: "Light bulb! **Everyone needs to be forgiven.**"
- If they are correct, they win the game; if not, they must sit out one round while the other team adjusts their own story line.

Story Card descriptions, in order:

- The younger son leaves home with his money while his dad and big brother wave.
- He happily travels from his home.
- He settles in faraway lands.
- He wastes his money on parties, food, and more.
- He spends all his money.
- His friends leave, and he ends up alone.
- He gets a job feeding pigs.
- He's hungry enough to eat pig slop.
- He realizes he could go home to his dad.
- He heads back home and practices his speech.
- His dad meets him and hugs him.