

Religious Education Task – 10.6.20

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Reconciliation

Last week we learnt about the meaning of sin and the examination of life (conscience). You made some excellent posters encouraging Christians about how they can choose wisely.

Today we are going to understand how God forgives us.

God is always loving and forgiving and here is a story that Jesus told that shows this.

Read the story of the Prodigal son below - Luke 15: 11-32.

THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON (based on Luke 15:11-32)

A man had two sons. The younger became impatient of living at home on the farm. He wanted to set out into the wide world and seek his fortune. He said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the money from the farm that would come to me when you die."

His father was very sad to hear this, but he loved his son, so he sold off half the farm and gave him the money.

The older brother was furious, but the younger son was delighted. He had never had so much money in his life! At once he set off for a far country where nobody would know him and his riches would impress everyone. And they were impressed! He soon found friends to help him to spend his money. He really enjoyed himself. He did anything he wanted. There would be plenty of time later to get a job, and come home to his family a very wealthy man.

But a famine spread quickly over the country. Crops failed and there was very little work of any sort to be had. His new friends could not even be bothered to offer him a meal. The only job he could find was working on the farm of a Gentile – feeding pigs! He was so hungry that he would have been glad to eat the pigs' food himself. At last he came to his senses.

"Even my father's servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I don't deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

His father had been watching out, hoping his son would come home. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him, barefoot, ragged and dirty and so very pale and thin. He ran to the boy and hugged and kissed him.

The son began his speech, but his father interrupted him, calling to the servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening and prepare a feast. I want to celebrate, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found."

Key Questions to reflect on about the story

(You don't need to post the answers on the blog, you can discuss them with a family member to show your understanding)

- Q What did the younger son choose to do with his money?
- Q What were the consequences of his choices?
- Q What do you think it means in the story when it says: 'he came to his senses'?
- Q What did he plan to say to his father?
- Q What words did he use that meant he had done wrong?
- Q What does the story tell us about the father?
- Q Who is the father like?

Look at the picture of the Prodigal Son below.
Rembrandt's *The Return of the Prodigal Son*.



Discuss with a family member what is happening in the picture and what the characters might be thinking.

God is full of mercy and compassion. God always loves you but does not like sin.

Task 1

A famous painting of the Prodigal Son has mysteriously vanished from a famous Art gallery, the day before a big showcase event, where hundreds of people will tour the gallery.

The Art gallery need a new representation of the Prodigal Son to display in the gallery for the tour guide to give a commentary (explanation) about during the night of the event.

Your task is to create a new piece of artwork based on the Prodigal Son so that it can be displayed in the Art gallery.

You may like to reflect on the story and think about which scene you might like to sketch/paint/colour.

Click [here](#) for the special art frame template. Remember to take your time and put in your very best effort!

Task 2

Once you have finished your artwork, write a paragraph explaining why you think the gallery should display your art work as a replacement. Describe what scene you have chosen and how your art tells the story of the Prodigal Son.



Click [HERE](#) to watch a video of the story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfDfMZ6MTJs>

Be careful when you watch the video on YouTube as sometimes things can pop up. Always ask an adult to help you.

Remember to take a photo of your artwork so I can display it on the blog. I am so looking forward to seeing your amazing work!