

Does God *really* forgive people?

Luke 15:11-32 is a great story of a dad and two sons, who were both lost in different ways. They both needed to learn what God the Father is really like!

How does the story go? Write or draw how the story goes in the boxes below:

What is the younger brother like at the beginning?

What bad thing happens in the middle of the story?

How does the story end happily?

What is the older brother like at the beginning?

What bad thing happens in the middle of the story?

How *could* the story end happily?

Jesus tells this story because we're all a bit like one of the brothers! Which one are you more like?

The **younger brother**, who ignores God and makes a big mess, and then realises he needs God?

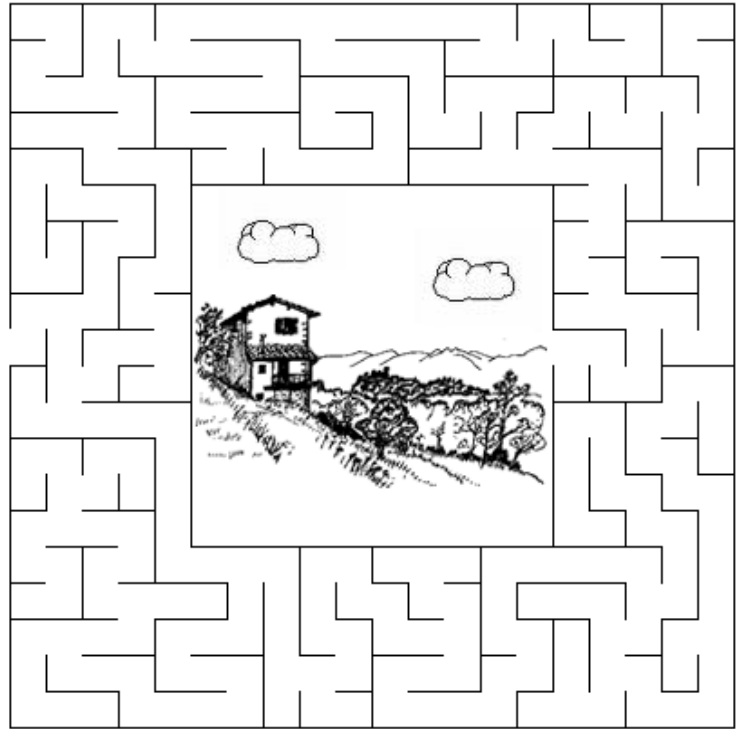
The **older brother**, who obeys God but thinks of God like a mean boss instead of a loving dad?

I think I'm more like the _____ brother.

Can you work out the way through the maze to get the lost son home to his father?



The wonderful news is that it is much easier for us to return to God the Father: just say sorry to Him! As the picture below reminds us, God *loves* to forgive us when we return to Him!



Connect the dots.



Our Father forgives us.

Like the father in the story of the prodigal son, God rejoices when we return to Him.