

# The Prodigal Son

## 32.4A

### Section A

A man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, “Give me the part of the property that I’m supposed to get someday.” So, the father divided his property between his two sons.

The younger son gathered up his belongings and left. He traveled far away to another country. There he wasted his money living like a fool. He spent all he had.

Soon after that, the land became very dry. There was no rain. There was not enough food to eat anywhere in the country. The son was hungry and needed money, so he got a job. His boss sent him to feed the pigs. The son was so hungry that he wanted to eat the pigs’ food! But no one gave him anything to eat.

He realized he’d been foolish. He thought: *All my father’s servants have plenty to eat, but I am dying of hunger. I’m going back home. I’ll say: “Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am not good enough to be called your son, but please let me be like one of your servants.”*

He began the journey home to his father. (Luke 15:11–20a)

### Section B

While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. He was moved with compassion for his son, so he ran to meet him. Then father hugged and kissed his son.

His son started to apologize, but while he was still speaking, his father called out to the servants. “Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on my son. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Get our best calf and prepare it to eat. Then we can have a feast and celebrate! My son was lost, but now he is found!”

They began to celebrate. (Luke 15:20b–24)

### Section C

The older son was in the field. As he came closer to the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He asked a servant what was going on and the servant said, “Your brother has come back. Your father had a feast because your brother came home safely!”

The older son was angry and would not go in to the feast, so his father went out to see him. The son said, “Father, I have served you like a slave for many years! I always obeyed you. But you never even gave me a young goat to have a feast with my friends. Your other son wasted all his money, and yet when he came home you give him a party!”

His father answered him, “Son, you are always with me. All that I have is yours. We had to celebrate and be happy because your brother was lost, but now he is found.” (Luke 15:25–32)