

Level 2-6

The Son Who Came Home

Workbook

Teacher's Guide and Answer Key

Teacher's Guide

A. Summary

1. Book Summary

The Son Who Came Home is a parable about a father's love for his sons, and the importance of forgiveness.

The younger son wanted to go away and see new places. He asked his father for his inheritance. The father gave him half of all his money. The older son stayed with the father and helped him.

The younger son went to a far country and spent all of his money. He had none left. Then, there was no rain in the far country, so there was no food.

The younger son had to find some work feeding pigs. But no one gave him any food. The younger son thought about his life and his home. He knew he had to go home and ask his father to forgive him.

When he got home, his father was very happy to see him. The younger son said he was sorry for what he had done, and his father forgave him.

His father had a feast for the younger son. The older son was angry that his father wanted to throw a party for the younger son. He felt that this was unfair. His younger brother had done bad things while he himself had stayed home and helped his father.

The father told the older son that he should be happy to have his brother home again. The younger son was lost before, but now he is found.

2. Section Summary

► **Pages 6-9:** A father had two sons. The younger son wanted to leave home. The father gave him half of his money. He gave the older son the other half. The older son stayed with the father while the younger son went to a far country and spent all of his money.

► **Pages 10-15:** Then, there was no rain in the far country, and there was no food. The younger son knew that he would die without food or money. He asked a pig farmer for a job.

He fed the pigs, but the farmer did not give him any food. The younger son knew he had to go home and ask his father to forgive him.

► **Pages 16-22:** The younger son went home. The father was very happy to see him. The son said he was sorry, and his father forgave him. The older son was not happy that his father wanted to have a feast for his brother, but his father told him he should be happy that his brother had come home.

B. Background and Themes

★ **Forgiveness:** Everyone makes mistakes. We can be angry and punish people for their mistakes, or we can forgive them instead. When we forgive someone, we let go of the anger we have toward the other person. It makes us feel better. It makes the other person feel better, too. The younger son did things that were wrong. He was sorry for what he did. When he got home, his father quickly forgave him. We should all try to be as forgiving as the father in this story.

★ **Responsibility:** Some people do not like to have responsibilities. They do not think about the consequences of their actions. The younger son did not want to stay and work. He wanted to travel and have fun. The older son was responsible and helped his father. The younger son was irresponsible. He quickly wasted all of his money on foolish things.

★ **The Love of a Parent:** The love of a parent for a child is the strongest love there is. It is unconditional. Parents may be disappointed by some things their children do, but they always love them no matter what. The younger son was rude and irresponsible, but when he came home, the father did not talk about how bad he had been. He hugged and kissed his son. He welcomed him home and forgave him because he loved his son so much.

★ **Inheritance:** A long time ago, and in most families today, children receive an inheritance from their parents when the parents die. It was rude for the younger son to ask for his inheritance while his father was still alive. It meant that he wished his father was dead. Instead of being angry, the father gave his younger son the money. He also gave his older son his half of his inheritance, even though the older son had not asked for it. He treated both his sons fairly.

Answer Key

Part A. Story Focus

Before You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Introduction

1. It is 2000 years old.
2. It is from the Bible.
3. It teaches about a father's love for his children.

► Characters

1. Father	2. Younger Son
<u>loving</u> <u>giving</u>	<u>lazy</u> <u>greedy</u>

3. Older Son	4. Pig Farmer
<u>jealous</u> <u>hardworking</u>	<u>has animals</u> <u>needs a worker</u>

While You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Beginning: Pages 6-9

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about a father and his two sons.
2. My parents would not let me travel by myself until I am nineteen years old.
3. My parents give me ten dollars every week.

B. Review Questions

1. He wanted to see new places.
2. He gave them all of his money.
3. He went to a far country.

► Middle: Pages 10-15

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about the younger son having no food or money.
2. I would go home to my family.
3. I have never gone a day without food.

B. Review Questions

1. Everyone was hungry because there was no rain for the crops.
2. He wanted to eat it.
3. He had to go home and ask his father for forgiveness.

► End: Pages 16-22

A. Preview Questions

1. It is about a happy family.
2. I asked for forgiveness after I took my sister's clothes without asking.
3. I would forgive him but not right away.

B. Review Questions

1. He didn't know because the younger son looked dirty.
2. He had a party for him.
3. He wasn't happy because he stayed home and worked hard, but he did not get a party.

Mini Quiz

a. There is safety in numbers.

→ Being with a group of people makes you feel more confident and protects you from some danger.

b. You are what you eat.

→ The food you eat affects your health and well-being.

c. To err is human, to forgive is divine.

→ Everyone makes mistakes, but God forgives and loves us no matter what. We should try to forgive each other, just like God forgives us.

After You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Pattern Practice

4. A: I want to go shopping.

B: I want to buy new shoes.

5. A: I want to travel.

B: I want to go to Canada.

► Challenge

1. The younger son went to a far country and used all his money.

2. Everyone was hungry because there was no food.

3. The father hugged and kissed his younger son.

4. The older son did not want to eat the feast.

Part B. Skill Focus

► Vocabulary Preview

A.

- 1. d 2. f
- 3. g 4. i
- 5. a 6. h
- 7. c 8. j
- 9. b 10. e

B.

- 1. b 2. a
- 3. a 4. b
- 5. a 6. a
- 7. b

Reading Comprehension

▶ Beginning: Pages 6-9

A.

1. F 2. F 3. T 4. T 5. F

B.

1. c 2. b 3. a 4. d

C.

1. c 2. b 3. a 4. d 5. c

▶ Middle: Pages 10-15

A.

1. F 2. T 3. T 4. F 5. F

B.

1. c 2. d 3. a 4. b

C.

1. d 2. c 3. b 4. a 5. c

▶ End: Pages 16-22

A.

1. T 2. F 3. F 4. T 5. T

B.

1. Younger Son

2. Older Son

3. Father

4. Father

C.

1. c 2. b 3. a 4. d 5. c

Think and Write

1. half
2. spent
3. money
4. rain
5. country
6. farmer
7. home
8. forgive
9. happy
10. feast

Vocabulary Review

1. The younger son wanted some **money**.
2. He **spent** all of his money.
3. Everyone was **hungry**.
4. The hungry man asked to **feed** the pigs.
5. He **thought** about his life.
6. The **younger** son went home.
7. The father saw a man coming **closer**.
8. His father **forgave** him.
9. The older son did not want to eat the **feast**.
10. The father was **happy**.

Summary

A.

3	4
1	2

B.

1. The younger son spent all of his money.
2. He thought about his life.
3. The younger son was sorry.
4. The father had both sons again.

Book Report

Story c → e → d → b → a