

# RECIPE FOR FORGIVENESS FUDGE!

*STARRING the FORGIVENESS GOURMET*

The prodigal son might have enjoyed some "forgiveness fudge" at his welcome home celebration. This recipe combines the ingredients a person needs to receive God's forgiveness fudge. To complete this recipe for forgiveness fudge, look up the Scripture verses and fill in the ingredients in the right places in the recipe.

**Ingredients:** repentance, prayer, confession, thankfulness, humility

Mix \_\_\_\_\_  
Psalm 32:5  
of your sins . . .

. . . with \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 3:19  
together in a private time  
with God.

Add \_\_\_\_\_  
James 5:16  
with \_\_\_\_\_  
James 4:10  
and blend thoroughly.

After letting the  
mixture rest, add  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Psalm 106:1  
and bake. Your  
forgiveness  
fudge is ready!

YUM!





# WELCOME HOME

**J**esus wanted to teach the people about His heavenly Father's love and forgiveness. So He told a story about a man who had two sons. One day the younger one asked for his share of his father's inheritance. The son had no right to his money at this time, but the father gave it to him.

**Read Luke 15:13. What did this son do with his inheritance? What does this verse show us about the son's attitude about his father?**



**SCRIPTURE SPOTLIGHT**

**Luke 15:14-16, 22-24**

*After he had spent everything, there was a*

*severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.<sup>1</sup> He longed*

*to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating<sup>2</sup> but no one gave him anything.*



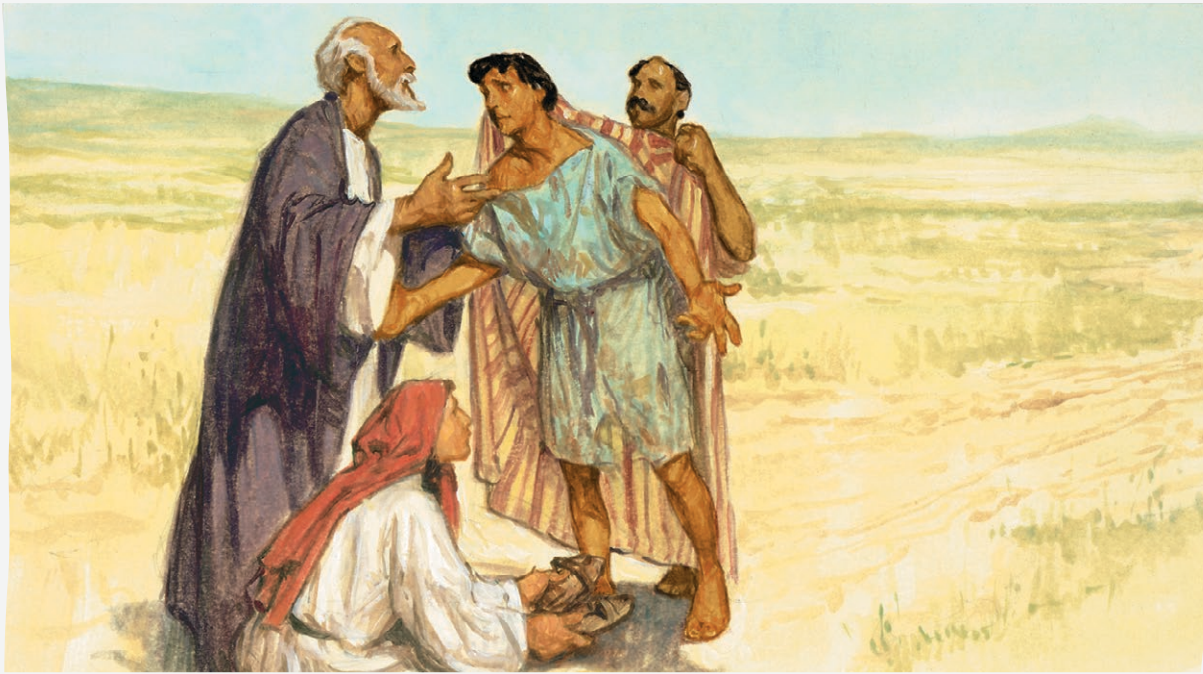
**What happened to the younger son? How do you think he felt now?**

<sup>2</sup>These pods were probably from the carob or locust tree. When the pods ripened, they filled with a sweet syrup.

The young man had not appreciated the good life he had in his father's



<sup>1</sup>God had forbidden the Israelites to eat pigs for health reasons (Leviticus 11:7-8). This law set apart the Hebrew people from the neighboring nations.



house. But now he was having second thoughts. Even the men who worked for his father were so much better off than he was!

**Read Luke 15:18-19. What did the son decide to do? What might make it hard for the son to do this?**

The son went home, ready to be his father's servant. When his father saw him coming, he ran to meet the son, and hugged and kissed him.

**Read Luke 15:20-21. What did the son say to the father? How had the son's attitude changed?**

*But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the*

*fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."* So they began to celebrate.

**What did the father mean when he said that his son had been "dead" and "lost"? What did he mean by "alive again" and "found"? How did the father feel about his son? Did he forgive the son? Read Psalm 103:11-13. What would you say to someone who says, "My sin is too big for God to forgive"?**

Sometimes we run away from God too. We may do something wrong and then be afraid that He will reject us or not forgive. But God is watching and waiting for us with open arms to come back to Him.





# With Open Arms



The father in today's Bible study gives us a glimpse of what God's forgiveness is like. Even when we act like the son and try to run away from God, He's waiting for us with open arms when we come back to Him.

God welcomes a sinner who repents and seeks forgiveness. Use the space below to write a prayer expressing how you feel about God's welcoming arms. You can use the word bank below to help you write your prayer, or just use your own words.

**Word Bank:** forgiveness, free, love, turn away, kindness, home, prodigal son or daughter

## KEY VERSE

"The LORD is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion."

Numbers 14:18

