



## The Lost Son

One day, the younger son asked his father if he could have his share of his father's property early. The father sold half of his farm and gave the money to his younger son. After a few days, the younger son took his money and left to go and live in another country.

The younger son wasn't very sensible and very soon he had spent all of the money on silly things. He had to get a job working on a farm looking after the pigs. The work was very hard and he hardly earned enough money to buy food for himself. After a while, he realised that the workers on his father's farm were treated better than he was being treated looking after the pigs. He decided that he should return to his father's farm instead. Not as his son (because he had been so bad) but as a worker.

As the younger son got close to his father's farm, his father spotted him and ran up to him and gave him a big hug. The younger son said, "Father, I have been so bad. I can no longer be called your son but please can I work for you."

The father was so pleased to see that his son was safe that he gave him a smart new robe and celebrated his return with a big feast. However, there was one person that was not happy. The older son was angry that his father was fussing over his brother so much as he did not do these things for him.

The father explained to the older son that he was always there with him and everything that he had, belonged to him. The younger son, however, had been lost but now that he was found, it was time to celebrate.