

Discussion Questions Course 212–1

Large Group

1. Chris's friend Aaron is in trouble. Joy believes he should return home, but Chris isn't so sure. What do you think he should do?
2. The father in Jesus' parable was waiting and watching for his long-lost son to return—not to punish him, but to forgive, accept, and welcome him home. Who does this remind you of?

Small Group

Game

1. In the Superbook adventure, why did Aaron think he could not return home?
2. Was this true?
3. How did Aaron's father respond when he found his son?
4. How does it feel to be forgiven?

Teaching

1. Have you ever thought that something you did was unforgivable? Have you ever thought that God couldn't forgive you?
2. Was the older brother ready to forgive his brother?
3. Have you ever felt resentment or anger toward someone you thought should be punished and instead was forgiven and given a second chance?
4. Was the older brother compassionate, merciful, loving, and slow to anger?
5. The son confessed his sin, which was not only against his father but his heavenly Father, God! And what happens when we confess our sins to the Lord?

Prayer

1. Think about the word "always." What does it mean to you?
2. How does that make you feel—to know that when you come to God in prayer, He is always there and ready to forgive you?