

## The Prodigal Son: Lesson 2

**SuperTruth:** God waits patiently for us to turn to Him.

**SuperVerse:** “Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear My voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.” Revelation 3:20 (NLT)

**Bible Story:** Luke 15:1–7, 11–32

### LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

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In the Bible story about the prodigal son, the father waited patiently for his son to return home. God waits patiently for us to turn to Him, too!

- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to ancient Galilee. Jesus tells the story of the Prodigal Son—a young man who leaves home for what he thinks is the adventure of a lifetime, only to discover that what he wants most in the world is his father’s love. The children learn about God’s unfailing love and the power of forgiveness.
- Watch the Bible Background Video and learn more about the Bible times and location in which Jesus’ parable about the Prodigal Son took place.

### SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

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**Game:** Turn (15 minutes)

*Objective: Play a game about turning.*

- We will mess up and make unwise choices in life. Yet God does not disown us and tell us we no longer belong in the family. Instead, He waits patiently for us to turn to Him. Today we are going to play a fun game about turning.

*Game Instructions:*

- You will walk from the start mark to the finish mark at the other side of the room. When you come to each of the two marks along the way, you must turn completely around before you can continue. To make things more challenging, you will balance a balloon on a plate as you move.

**Teaching:** Please Answer the Door (15 minutes)

*Objective: Discuss Jesus standing at the door.*

- If people choose to walk away from God, He allows that, and then waits patiently for their return. While they are gone, Jesus knocks and calls out gently to come home and restore that relationship. A volunteer will knock several times on the door to illustrate the teaching.

*Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)*

- Look up the second “Lost and Found Challenge” scripture at home, and then fill in the answers to the four questions before the next lesson.

**SuperVerse:** Superbook Motions (10 minutes)

*Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.*

- Jesus wants to spend time with us. All we need to do is to respond to His call and open the doors to our hearts!
- Have the children stand facing the board, with enough room to do the motions. Slowly say the words aloud as you lead the children in doing the accompanying motions.

**Prayer:** Entrance Prayers (10 minutes)

*Objective: Communicate with God.*

- For anyone who is not yet a follower of Jesus, you can invite Him to enter your heart today! It is very simple and you can speak to God silently. For those of us who are followers of Jesus, He desires a deeper relationship with us. Let’s take a moment to think and pray about whether there is an area of our lives where we haven’t allowed Jesus to enter—then let’s invite Him in.
- Allow a short time for the children to think and pray silently, then close in group prayer.

### ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

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**Balloon Game:** Play a game to illustrate how God looks for us to return. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Object Lesson:** Present an object lesson about opening our lives to Jesus. | **Grades 1–6** | 5 min

**Craft:** Create a SuperVerse door hanger. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

**Activity:** Create Parables using familiar things. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

#### Game Materials Needed:

- Round balloons, one for each team of 4–6 children; the same balloons may be used for the game, “A Long Way Off” in Additional Activities
- Paper plates or sheets of cardstock, one per team
- Optional: painters tape or masking tape

#### Teaching Materials Needed:

- Lost and Found Challenge Booklet and Scripture Patterns
- Sample of the finished craft to show children
- Adult or teen volunteer
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

#### SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and markers or chalkboard and chalk
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

#### Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App