

- A man had two sons. He divided his property between both of them. (*Start with a few balloons in the air.*)
- The younger son packed up everything he had, went far away, and wasted all of his money. (*Balloons drop to the ground.*)
- The younger son spent everything he had, then the whole country ran low on food. So he went to work for someone who lived in that country. (*Balloons in the air.*)
- The son worked in the field to feed the pigs. He was so hungry that he wanted to eat the food that the pigs were eating. (*Balloons drop to the ground.*)
- Then the son began to think clearly again. He decided to go back to his father. He knew if he could come to his father and apologize, his father would help him. (*Balloons in the air.*)
- The father ran to his son when he saw him. The father welcomed him back and they both gave each other a big hug. The father threw a party to celebrate! (*Add MORE balloons in the air.*)
- The older son became angry. He was jealous that his brother was getting so much attention when he had done what was right and never left his father in the first place. He didn't think his brother deserved this kind of celebration. (*Balloons drop to the ground.*)
- The father told the older son that he was so happy that the older son was always with him and that everything he had, he shared with his son. But the father explained that it was still a time to celebrate and be glad—the younger son had been lost but now was found! (*ALL balloons in the air!*)

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**What to Do:**

Print on paper, one for each small group.

**"Keep Up, Drop Down" Activity Page**

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