

## THE PRODIGAL SON

### Sample lesson plan

#### Lesson 2

**Tell** the children that Jesus often told stories to the people He met. Some of the stories He told were called parables.

**Ask** them to write their own definition of a parable in their books.

**Tell** them the story of The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) on (Page 5). Check they know what the word 'prodigal' means - (wasteful).

**Show** the children the picture story from Parables of Jesus CD.

**Stop the show** at the marked places on the script, to discuss with the children how each character might feel at that point. When you have finished, ask the children, in groups, to discuss and write down briefly what they think the story means. What was Jesus trying to say to people? Share ideas.

**Ensure** that the children understand that the story is about God and us.

**Invite** children to talk about occasions when they have fallen out with a member of their family or a friend. Have they been jealous of someone? How did they deal with it? Would it have been better to forgive quickly?

**Write** up on the board 3 questions such as:  
- Do you think it's important to forgive people? Why?

Why did Jesus want to teach people not to be jealous?

Do you think this story has important messages today?

What do you think the world would be like if everyone followed these principles?

Geoff Tucker is available for inset days and twilight sessions to give teachers valuable insight into the stories and events in the Bible.

With fifteen years experience as a church minister and having taught children of all ages Geoff is well qualified to help teachers to present their lessons in a way that will interest and motivate the pupils to learn.

The culture of the day and the context in which things are said and done are an important part of understanding and teaching Christianity. Using quality PowerPoint presentations Geoff succeeds in bringing the Bible to life. His approach is easy to follow as he simply follows the life of Jesus and other principal Bible characters.

Utilising photographs of the Holy Land taken before much of the modern development, it is easy to envisage the terrain that Jesus and other characters in the scriptures would have had to negotiate as they travelled from place to place.

Can you help the Prodigal Son find his way to his father?

### Sample worksheet



Angry



Happy



Surprised



Sad

1. The father was ..... to see his son leave home.
2. The son was ..... when he had spent all his money.
3. The son was ..... when he had to feed the pigs.
4. The Father was .....when he saw his son coming home.
5. The son was ..... when his father gave him new clothes.
6. Draw a face to describe how you feel at the end of the story .....