



The father is waiting

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Luke 15:11–24



Topic

God is happy when we come to him



Takeaway

God always loves me



3 minutes



Object: a cuddly toy that has “hidden”



Preparation: 5 min



sitting in a circle



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic “God is happy when we come to him”. Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

½ min

Opening

Hide a cuddly toy beforehand. The children look for it. How happy everyone is when it is found again!

1 min

Story

Jesus tells a story: A son went far away from home. He spent all his money and was very sad. So he went back. His father was already waiting, ran to meet him, hugged him and threw a big party.

1 min

Thought

That is what God is like: he waits for you and is happy when you come – even if you have done something wrong.

½ min

Question for all

How does it feel when someone gives you a really big hug?



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Prayer to read aloud

Dear God, you always love me, even when I do something wrong. Thank you. Amen.



For leaders

- Keep it short: little children listen well for three to four minutes.
- Pass the object around – touching it helps understanding.
- Say the prayer line by line and let the children repeat it.



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