

The Lost Son: Part One



- 1 A man has a son. He loves his son very much. His son is a young man.
- 2 The son says to his father, "Father, give me my **inheritance**." (*dhexaltooyo*)
- 3 His father gives it to him. His father is sad. He feels in his heart that his son is lost.
- 4 The son leaves home. He goes to a country far away. He does bad things.
- 5 He spends all of his money on wild living.
- 6 Soon, he has no money. There is a **famine** (*abaar*) in the whole country.
- 7 He needs food, so he works on a **farm** (*beer*). His job is to feed the animals.
- 8 He is so hungry. He wants to eat the animal's food. The animals have food,
- 9 but he has no food.
- 10 He remembers his father. His father has **servants** (*shaqaalaha*). His father is
- 11 good to his servants. He thinks, "My father's servants have lots of food to
- 12 eat and I am starving to death!"
- 13 He thinks, "I am a bad son. Maybe I can be my father's servant."
- 14 He starts to walk home.
- 15 He is almost home. He walks on his street. He can see his house down the
- 16 street. His father sees him far away.

What do you think his father will do? If you were the father, what would you do?

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17 His father feels **mercy** (*naxariis*) for him. He runs to his son, put his arms
18 around him and kisses him. He still loves his son!
19 The son says to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
20 I am not a good son. Let me be your servant."
21 But the father gives him nice clothes, a ring, and sandals. He tells his
22 servants to cook a big meal and celebrate. He says, "My son was dead
23 and now he is alive again; he was **lost** and now he is **found**." The family
24 celebrates because the son is home.



The Lost Son: Questions

1. Who is this story about?
2. Who takes his inheritance and goes to another country?
Is this a good thing to do?
3. What happens to all of his money?
4. After he spends all his money and has no food, what does he do?
5. Does the father punish his son or have **mercy**?
6. What do you think about this?

The Lost Son: Vocabulary

1. Farm
2. Servant
3. Famine
4. Inheritance
5. Lost
6. Found
7. Mercy

Tell the story!



Look at the picture. Tell what happened in the story.

Use these words: **lost, found, mercy**