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Luke 15:25-32 NLT

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Q1: TODAY'S STORY IS ABOUT WHO?  
A. THE OLDER BROTHER  
B. THE YOUNGER BROTHER

Q2: THE OLDER BROTHER WAS COMING FROM?  
A. CHURCH  
B. McDONALDS  
C. THE FIELD  
D. THE GYM
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Why Jesus tells the stories of Luke 15

<sup>7</sup> In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!

<sup>10</sup> In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents."

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Jesus tells these stories to demonstrate how outcast can be included in His Kingdom. He calls for the Least, the Lost and the Left out
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Who Jesus tells the story to:

Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach.2 This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!3 So Jesus told them this story:

Jesus ate w/SINNERS, but He never SINNED w/ them
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NHCCC KID'S FOCUS:

Q1: Write the names of your mom, dad, brothers and sisters \_\_\_\_\_

Q2: Should you forgive your sibling if they hurt you? Why or why not?  
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