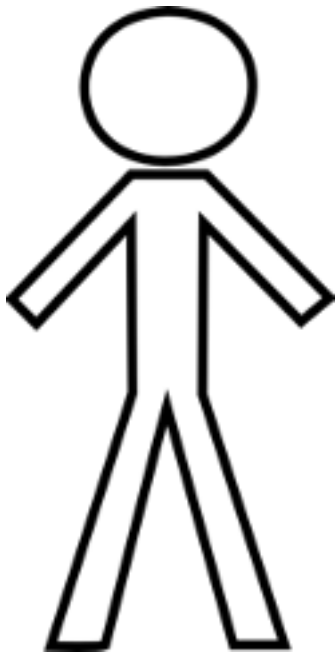


## LESSON

**MEMORY VERSE:** : “We had to celebrate and be happy because your brother was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost but now he is found.” **Luke 15:32**



**PROUD DUDE**

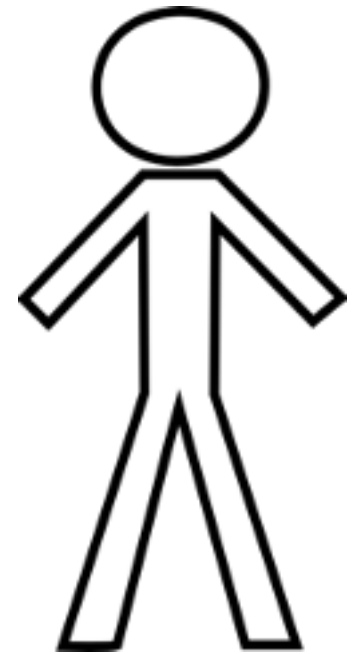
There's going to be a big fight today! Pride is going to go up against Humility to see who will win the heavyweight championship! Pride is sure he's going to win. He's got confidence. He's strong. He's been fighting like this for years. He's got a mouth on him and he can destroy Humility! Are you ready to meet our opponents?

**Meet Proud Dude and Humble Dude.**

**Draw eyes on each figure** – Proud Dude likes to look at himself. When he looks at others, he sees only their mistakes, weaknesses and failures. Humble Dude sees God and knows that he needs God to help him treat others the way he should.

**Draw mouths on each figure** – Proud Dude brags about himself constantly. Always talking about his good grades, his soccer goals, his popularity and his good looks. He complains about other people and talks about them behind their backs. Humble Dude often talks about God's goodness and takes every opportunity to encourage and lift others up.

**Draw ears on each figure** – Proud Dude hates to be told what to do. And he doesn't like to hear that he's wrong about anything! Humble Dude realizes that he makes mistakes and he apologizes for his sin and when he hurts someone else.



**HUMBLE DUDE**

**Draw hands on each figure** – Proud Dude is quick to cause fights when he doesn't get his way. He thinks he deserves the best of everything. Humble Dude realizes he should honor others above himself.

**Draw feet on each figure** – Proud Dude is always stomping his feet and demanding his own way. Humble Dude is willing to use his feet to walk toward an opportunity to serve and help others.

So what do you think? You've seen their skills. Who wins the fight of life in the end? Who is the heavyweight champion? Will it be Proud Dude? Will it be Humble Dude?

## BIBLE STORY

This week we are finishing up our study of the three part parable that Jesus taught in Luke 15. Do you remember what a parable is? It is a story that teaches a lesson. Two weeks ago we talked about the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin and discovered that, while we are happy when we find a lost treasure, it doesn't compare to the rejoicing in heaven when a sinner returns to God. Then we began the story of the Prodigal Son last week and saw how God's love and forgiveness is extended to us just as the father welcomed his younger son home after he had messed up big time.

**Read Luke 15:11-24.**

## BIBLE STORY CONTINUED

But the story doesn't end there. Jesus continued the story - telling the people about the other son and it's a great lesson for all of us.

### Read Luke 15:25-28.

- Where was the older brother when his younger brother came home?
- What was his reaction when he realized his little brother had returned?
- Who went to find the older brother?

The father actually went out to the older brother to find him and ask him to come into the celebration. Just as the shepherd searched for the lost sheep and the woman searched for her lost coin, the father in today's story looked for his son. In a parable, the characters represent real people. The younger son represents sinners who may disrespect their fathers, live a wild life and waste their father's inheritance. The older son represents sinners who may follow all the rules and look good on the outside but have a heart that is filled with anger and pride and no forgiveness. And the father represents God who loves both of the sons and wants them to have a relationship with him.

### Read Luke 15:29-32

- The older brother thought that he deserved a blessing because he obeyed all the rules. He thought he had been cheated and his pride caused him to be angry.
- The older brother thought what his younger brother had done was unforgivable. He didn't want to welcome his brother home and be glad that he had asked for forgiveness.
- The older brother wanted no part of his father's joy. Imagine all the nights that the father had lost sleep worrying about his younger son and whether or not he was safe and well.

Ouch! We can all think of times that we responded to our family just like the older brother did to his father and brother. Sometimes we are like "Proud Dude" at the beginning of our lesson and we selfishly want our own way.



Have you ever seen a piece of rotten fruit? Rotten fruit is no longer sweet and delicious because it's ruined. Jesus reminds us in this story that our attitude can be just like a piece of rotten fruit ... stinky and ugly! But it doesn't have to stay that way! Jesus promises forgiveness when we ask Him and will make our relationship new again!

## ACTIVITY AND COLORING PAGES

**S'MORES** – Ask Mom or Dad to help you gather the ingredients to make s'mores. As you enjoy this sweet treat, review the story from Luke 15 and think about how the two brothers, the father and Jesus showed us how to *Forgive And Then Forgive S'more!*

## PUZZLE AND COLORING PAGES

We would love to see pictures or video of you working on today's lesson. Please feel free to post them to the First Light Kids page on Facebook.