

# Jesus Makes Hearts Clean

Dear Parent,

*Fridge Fun has been designed especially for you and your child to enjoy learning about God at home.*

**Power Point:**

Jesus is my Savior.

**Memory Verse:**

God has given us his Spirit. —1 John 4:13a (2-4)

God has given us his Spirit...[and] sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

—1 John 4:13a, 14a (4-6)

**Bible Background:**

Luke 15:11-31 (The Prodigal Son)



## What to Know:

The story of the prodigal son shows the grace and forgiveness of God. The father in the Bible story represents our heavenly Father who loves us even when we're disobedient. When we don't do what God wants us to do, we may get hurt, and we won't be happy. But when we're sorry for what we've done, and we come back to God, He forgives us. Like the father in this lesson, God loves us and is always waiting for us.

The reality of humanity is this: Without a Savior, we're separate from God and lost forever. But "God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die" (John 3:16).

**Family Conversation Questions**

- How has our earthly father shown grace and forgiveness in the same way our heavenly Father, God, does?
- Is there any wrong too big for God to forgive?
- How does disobedience hurt us, besides hurting relationships in our family?

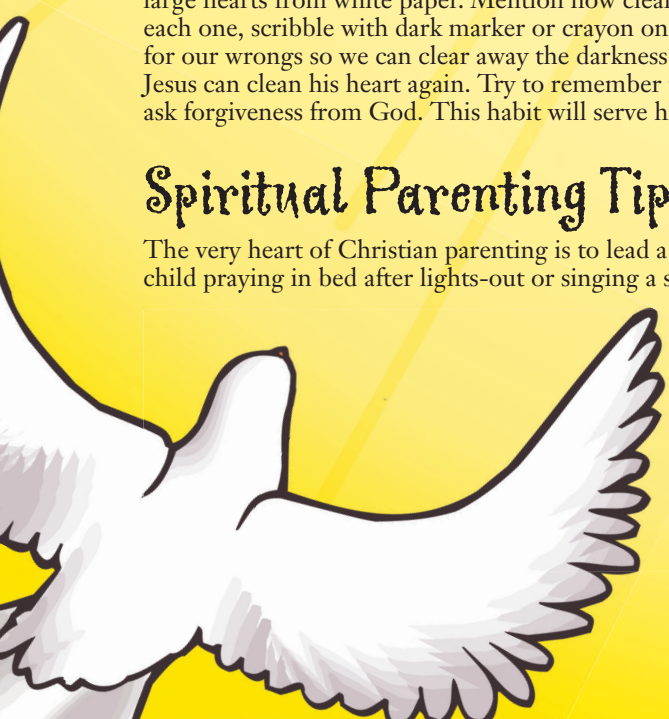
## What to Do:

### Clean Heart, Dirty Heart

Because preschoolers are concrete learners, help your child visualize the difference Christ makes in his life this way: Cut out two large hearts from white paper. Mention how clean and spotless they are. Then discuss with your child ways people disobey. For each one, scribble with dark marker or crayon on one heart. Try to cover it in dark color. Explain that we need Jesus' forgiveness for our wrongs so we can clear away the darkness that sin causes. Tell your child that when he asks God's forgiveness for his sin, Jesus can clean his heart again. Try to remember to pray with your child nightly, helping him remember sins and modeling how to ask forgiveness from God. This habit will serve him well as he grows up.

## Spiritual Parenting Tip:

The very heart of Christian parenting is to lead a child to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. It's a joy to a parent's heart to hear a child praying in bed after lights-out or singing a song from his heart while riding in the car seat in the back seat of the car. It's incredible when you watch your children sharing a favorite toy instead of arguing over it.



The Spiritual Parenting Tip was taken from the book *Spiritually Parenting Your Preschooler* by C. Hope Flinchbaugh. Available by calling CharismaLife at (800) 451-4598 or your local Christian bookstore.

## Lesson 48—The Prodigal Son

Jesus told a story about a son who lost all his money and had to go home to his father. Beginning with the number one, connect the dots to find out what kind of animal the son had to feed before he went back home.

