

CONNECT CONNECT

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☐ EXPLAIN the pieces of this story that break your heart.

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Can you relate to relationships that have been broken down and torn apart? If so, **CONFESS** to God how those broken relationships have affected you. How has the struggle shaped who you are?

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☐ READ Luke 15:11-31

Which character can you most identify with and why? What new truths emerge about the character of God in light of the father in the parable? What new realizations do you have about yourself in light of the stories? Where do you see grace and forgiveness in your own life with your Heavenly Father?

☐ COMPARE and CONTRAST *God's* nature and reaction to our disconnection to *our own* nature and reaction to disconnection.

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☐ TALK with God or with your child/student/parent/loved one.

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☐ REACH out and CONNECT with one another.

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