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## CONNECT[ion]

*a relationship in which a person, thing, or idea  
is linked or associated with something else*

- [ ] When we start something new we rarely know what we're doing.
- [ ] We are experts with other peoples' children/students, but with our own we are rookies!
- [ ] Our hearts are hardwired for relationship.
- [ ] Our lives are hardwired for struggle.

## [dis]CONNECT[ed]

The Story of David and Absalom is full of humanity and disconnection without reconciliation.

- [ ] Must not see the king  
But the king said, "He must go to his own house; he must not see my face." So Absalom went to his own house and did not see the face of the king.  
*2 Samuel 14:24*
- [ ] Conspiracy  
Absalom behaved in this way toward all the Israelites who came to the king asking for justice, and so he stole the hearts of the people of Israel.  
*2 Samuel 15:6*

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## [re]CONNECT[ed]

The parable of The Prodigal Son illustrates how our relationship with God is full of grace and forgiveness.

So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup>The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son."

*Luke 15:20-21*

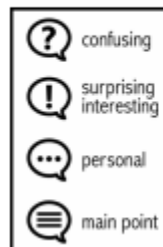
This story and this parable teach us. . .

- [ ] God's nature and reaction to our disconnection.
- [ ] our own nature and reaction to disconnection.

## NEXT STEPS

- [ ] Have a conversation with your God/child/student/parent/loved one.
- [ ] Visit the @home center/next steps center at JW.
- [ ] Reach out and connect with one another.

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