



Recovery Sunday Formation: K-5

Welcome Home Celebration

The focus of Recovery Sunday is to celebrate healing, health and wholeness.

Invite children to talk about celebrations: birthdays, grandparents' visits, when a family member returns from a trip, etc. How does your family celebrate special occasions?

Tell (or read from an age appropriate Bible Story book) the story of the Prodigal Son. (Luke 15:11-32)

Reflect together on the story:

Why did the son leave home?

What happened to him in the far away place?

The only job he could find was feeding and cleaning up after pigs! What do think that is like? Would you like for that to be your job? Why/why not? How did the son feel about his life feeding pigs?

The boy returned home. How do you think he felt to go home?

He had been sad, angry, and scared but when he got home he was safe. His father was happy and hosted a party! The boy lost his way but found it again. He had been sick at heart, but now he was well. The father celebrated with a huge party!

Craft:

Make and hang streamers around the room. Make "Welcome Home" signs, and draw a picture of the boy, his father, and/or the party on the sign.

God always loves us. God wants what is best for us. God always welcomes us home.