

A loving Father

Jesus told a story to show just how much God loves us.

A Father had two sons. He loved them very much.
Was he happy? Yes!
The younger son decided to leave home.
Was he happy? Yes!
The Father missed the son.
Was he happy now? No, he was sad.
The son was having a good time spending all his money.
Was he happy? Yes!
Then one day, all his money was gone.
Was he happy now? No – he was sad.
The son was poor and hungry.
Was he happy now? No he was very sad.
He had to work and got the only job he could – looking after some pigs in the mud. They had more food to eat than he did!
Was he happy? No he was very very sad.
'I'm going to go home' said the son. 'I know my father will be cross with me. But he might give me a job – any job he gives would be better than looking after these pigs.'
Was the son happy? No – he was very sad.
The Father saw his son coming along the road. The father ran to meet his son. Was the father sad? No!
Was he cross? No!
Was he happy? Yes!
The Father hugged the son. He was so happy his son was back home because he loved him very much.
That's how God feels about us – no matter what we've done. No matter where we've been – if we turn to him he will always welcome us.
Because God's love is so big!

