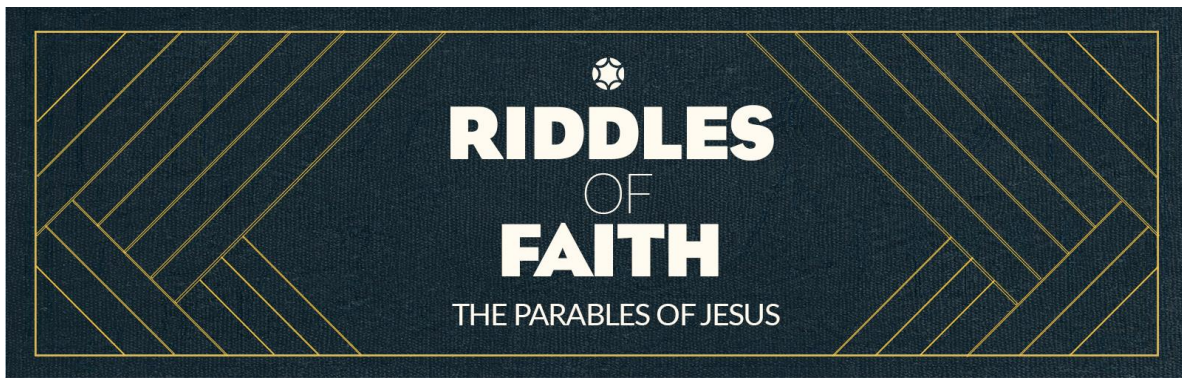




Riddles at Home

Family Companion Guide

Week Eight // There's No Place Like Home

Start with a Riddle

What has keys but can't open a door?

[Answer: A piano.]

Big Idea

God loves us and welcomes us home when we wander away. He also teaches us to love others and celebrate when they find their way home too.

Read Together

Read Luke 15:11–32. Jesus tells a story about a father with two sons. The younger son leaves home, wastes everything his father gave him, and eventually decides to return. He expects his father to be angry, but while he is still far away, his father runs to meet him, hugs him, and throws a celebration because his son has come home! Jesus also tells us about the older brother who doesn't seem to think that his brother should be celebrated. The father reminds him that everything he has is already his and invites him to join the celebration. Jesus shows us a father who loves both of his sons and wants both of them to experience the joy of being with him.

Talk About It

- What did the father do when he saw his younger son coming home?
- Why was the older brother upset about the celebration?

- Why can it sometimes be difficult to celebrate when something good happens to someone else?

Try It Together

Have everyone complete these two sentences:

One thing I love about being part of God's family is _____.

One person I can show God's love to this week is _____.

Remember This

"For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." Luke 15:24

Pray Together

God, thank you for loving us and welcoming us home. Thank you that we don't have to earn your love. Help us stay close to you and love others with the same grace you show us. Amen.

Keep It Going

Choose an activity to enjoy together:

- Look through homecoming pictures: Find photos from a family reunion, returning from a trip, bringing a baby home, or another special homecoming. Talk about what makes coming home feel special.
- Celebrate someone else: Find something good happening in another person's life. A birthday, accomplishment, answered prayer, good grade, new opportunity, and intentionally celebrate with them.
- Make a "Welcome Home" sign: Create a big sign and surprise someone in your family when they arrive home from work, school, or an activity.