

# High Voltage Kids Ministry

## “Welcome Home”

### Main Focus:

Heaven celebrates when someone returns to Jesus!



### Power Verse:

“Christ...died for sinners that He might bring us safely home to God.”  
— 1 Peter 3:18



### Whatchagaddaknow:

“You Can Always Come Home!”

## LEADER’S INFO

Growing up, nearly everyone had the thought or idea of running away from home. Many even tried it. They believe that they could make it better by themselves—away from the rules!

Sadly, most of the time these experiences end in heartache and pain. We find that it’s not as easy as it seems living on our own. We end up really missing the comfort and security of HOME.

In today’s lesson, the children will learn from the parable of “The Prodigal Son” and discover that even when we think we can live “on our own” outside of God’s rules and boundaries, we will be miserable and lost. But if we choose to come back to God, we can ALWAYS come home! God will welcome us home with open arms! Heaven celebrates when just one lost person comes home to God!



### “The Spark” Intro Video

“Welcome Home”



### “Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Wiggy Pop teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



### Character Skit

“Wacky Wally”



### Offering Time



### Game Time!

“Pig Slop Toss”



### Bible Story

“The Prodigal Son”



### Power Verse (NO Video)

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### Call To Action

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### Rewind!

Review Game



### Small Group Experience

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## Lesson Materials Needed:

### “The Spark” Intro Video

- “Welcome Home - The Spark” Intro Video

### “Whatchagaddaknow” Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video
- “Whatchagaddaknow” Trigger Video

### Character Skit

- “Wacky Wally” Theme Graphic/Music

### Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

### Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video
- “Pig Slop Toss” Graphic
- Timer
- Two Buckets
- Two Costume Pig Noses
- Twenty “Slop Items” (socks, damp sponges, bean bags, etc.)

### Bible Story

- “The Prodigal Son” Graphics

### Power Verse (NO Video)

- “Welcome Home” - Power Verse Graphic

### Call To Action

- “Welcome Home” Graphics
- “Lost Dog” Poster
- Party Supplies

### Rewind!

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video
- “REWIND!” Graphics

### Small Group Experience

- Mad Lib Print Piece
- Pencil, Crayon, Or Marker
- Building Blocks
- A Flat Surface Or Table
- A 60-Second Timer
- A Ruler Or Measuring Tape (optional)

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## **Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video**

**Leader:** Hey, kids! Today’s lesson is called “Welcome Home.” We are going to be looking a specific story in the Bible! This story has to do with a son that left home!

OK, time for complete honesty...How many of you have ever gotten tired of following your parent’s rules or gotten mad at your brother or sister and thought you would just run away from home? (*allow response*)

Running away from home SEEMS like it would be a great idea. No rules. No one to tell you what to do. But, is running away really the answer? Does it really make our lives easier? We are going to find out, today.

First, let’s check out this video...

**(play “The Spark” Intro Video)**

**Leader:** Whoa! Running away from home never goes the way people expect. I mean, running away to live your “best life” and finding out how hard things can be...it’s no fun at all. But you know what? That’s exactly what the Prodigal Son in the Bible went through. He thought he could make it on his own — but he found out real quick that life without his father wasn’t all it was cracked up to be.

Thankfully, the story has a great ending! You’ll hear about that later. But, one thing you can know for sure is that leaving home is never a good idea! Thankfully, you can always come home!

And that’s what you’re going to learn about in today’s lesson. Right now, it’s time to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

**(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)**



## CHARACTER SKIT

**Character:** “**Wacky Wally**” (*a quirky young man who is a die-hard comic book enthusiast; he wears a superhero cape everywhere he goes*)

**Wally:** (*enters, sad and worn down*) DISASTER! MAYHEM! MISERY! I, Wacky Wally, am a ruined man!

**Leader:** Whoa, whoa, Wally - slow down! What in the world happened?

**Wally:** (*Sighs dramatically*) I did it. I QUIT my job at the comic book store.

**Leader:** Wait, why'd you quit?

**Wally:** Because my boss had rules! Rules like “Don’t put the comics in alphabetical order by villain” and “You can’t give out free gummy bears with every issue of Captain Elbow!” I mean, come on! That’s creativity!

**Leader:** So you quit... and then what?

**Wally:** I opened my own comic book shop! “Wacky Wally’s Wild World of Wow!” I was the boss, the cashier, and the janitor. It was a lot of hard work!

**Leader:** And how did that go?

**Wally:** Well... ( *rubs neck*) I accidentally spent the business budget on glitter and fog machines. Then, I tripped the power trying to install a jetpack-powered register. Long story short: no customers, no comics, and I might’ve used up my life savings on a life-size statue of Bigfoot dressed as a Jedi.

**Leader:** Wow. So, now what?

**Wally:** That’s the problem. I want my old job back... but I don’t think my boss would take me. I left in such a hurry and said some pretty dramatic stuff. Stuff like, “You’ll regret this! I’m the future of graphic novels!”

**Leader:** Wally, I get it. You made some big mistakes. But you know what? This reminds me a lot of our Bible Story today. The son in the story made a huge mess, too. But when he came back, his father didn’t yell. He welcomed him home with love.

**Wally:** Even after everything?

**Leader:** Yep. And that’s how God is with us, and how we should be with each other. No matter what, you can always come home.

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## CHARACTER SKIT

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**Wally:** *(Softly)* Do you think my boss would give me another shot?

**Leader:** I do. Especially if you go in with a humble heart. You know, Wally, when the Prodigal Son came home, he thought his father would be angry... but instead, his dad RAN to him, hugged him, and threw a party!

**Wally:** A party?! For the kid who messed everything up?

**Leader:** That's right! That's the kind of love God has for us. He doesn't say, "I told you so." He says, "Welcome home!"

**Wally:** Wow! That's better than a welcome-back meatball sub with extra cheese.

**Leader:** For sure! God is ready and waiting with arms open wide.

**Wally:** Okay, then. I'm gonna march back in, tell my boss the truth, apologize, and ask for another chance.

**Leader:** Now that's more like it.

**Wally:** Look out, world! *(strikes a superhero pose)* WACKY WALLY'S COMING HOME! *(Runs offstage, pretending to fly)*

(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



## GAME TIME

### “Pig Slop Toss”

#### Items Needed For Game:

Timer, two big buckets, masking tape, two costume pig noses, twenty “slop items” (*socks, damp sponges, bean bags, etc.*)

#### Preparation:

Choose four boys and four girls to play this game. Place the buckets a few feet apart and mark a “throw line” with masking tape. Place the “slop items” at the throw line.

#### How To Play:

Have one player on each team be the “pig” and put on the pig nose. The “pig” will stand at the bucket away from the throw line and the other players. The other players will stand in two single-file lines behind the throw line. One at a time, they will take turns throwing a “slop item” at the trough. The “pig” cannot move the trough, but they can move their feet to try to catch the items. The team to get the most “slop items” into their trough at the end of one minute wins!



# Bible Story

## “The Prodigal Son”

### Materials Needed:

The graphic slides; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

### Preparation:

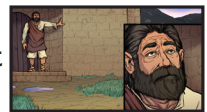
Familiarize yourself with the passage in Luke 15:11-32; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

### The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is found in the book of Luke in chapter 15. It’s a story that Jesus told to help people understand how much God loves them. There was a father who had two sons. One of his sons, the youngest, approached his father one day (*show pic*) and said, “Give me my share of the inheritance.” The son had decided he would be better off on his own with NO rules, NO boundaries, NO bed-time, and NO chores! He thought he would have an amazing life of fun and no worries.



The father sadly gave his son what he asked. The son left his house and went out to live on his own. He started partying, drinking, and living a sinful lifestyle. He thought he had lots of friends, but most of those friends were only hanging out with him because he had lots of money to spend. It wasn’t long before he had wasted all of his money on wild and sinful living. He ended up with no money to buy anything to eat, so he got a job feeding pigs. Can you imagine sloshing around in the mud with a bunch of smelly pigs? It was the worst job, but he was so hungry that even the food that he was feeding the pigs looked good to him.



(*show pic*) The son looked around at the situation he had gotten himself into and realized that the PIGS were living better than he was. He said to himself, “My father’s servants live better than this! I will return home and beg for the forgiveness of my father and ask him to take me back as a hired servant.” I imagine he thought his father was going to be angry at him. He probably expected a long lecture from his dad. But that’s not what happened.



In fact, while the boy was out living on his own, his father was very sad he was gone. (*show pic*) Every day, the father looked out to the road to see if that was the day his son would return home. Finally, the day came when the son decided to come home and beg for forgiveness. As he approached his father’s house, his father saw him coming and ran to meet him. (*show pic*) He threw his arms around him and hugged him and kissed him. To top things off, the father gathered his whole house together and threw a *huge party* to celebrate. The father said, “My son was lost, but now he is found!”

Just like the father celebrated when his son came home, everyone in Heaven celebrates when someone who is lost and not following Jesus returns to God! God isn’t mad and waiting to tell them how bad they have been or how many mistakes they have made. Instead, He has His arms open wide waiting to tell them, “Welcome home!”



## Call To Action

### “Welcome Home”

#### Materials Needed:

The “Welcome Home” graphics; “Lost Dog” poster; party supplies

#### Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “Welcome Home”; print many of the “Lost Dog” posters and post them around the room before the kids arrive

#### The Message: *(title slide)*



Today, we are learning a lesson from the Parable of the Prodigal Son. You already heard the whole Bible Story about how this son ran away from home, left his father, and wasted away all of his father’s money. But even though he ended up being broke and living with pigs, he ended up going back to home to beg his father for forgiveness. His dad not only forgave him, but threw a party to celebrate his return.

Something you need to understand about this parable is that each character represents a real person. The father in the story represents God. The prodigal son represents anyone who chooses to walk away from their relationship with God.

The prodigal son remembered he had it much better at HOME with his father and that he needed to go back home! You may be wondering, “Well, what does that mean? What does ‘home’ represent in this story?” Well, that’s our first lesson today...

#### Our Home Is A Relationship With God *(slide)*



Our “home” in this instance isn’t necessarily a place that we sleep at night. It’s not a house with bedrooms and a kitchen and a backyard. But instead, it’s a place of belonging. God created each one of us to be in relationship with Him. He created us to follow Him, worship Him, and BE with Him. That’s where we belong. EVERY single person in our world can come to God and be in relationship with Him. That’s the whole reason we were created!

But sadly not everyone believes this. Many people come to God and start living for Him, but then they turn their back on Him. They stop going to church, they stop obeying the Bible, they stop having anything to do with God whatsoever. It’s like they are running away from “home.” You see...

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## Call To Action

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#### Sometimes We Think We Would Be Better Off On Our Own (slide)



Sometimes, you and I start to think that living for God is just not worth it. We think, “There are too many rules. There are too many things I CAN’T do. I think I will just leave God and start living on my own.” We start acting just like that son who left his father thinking he would find happiness and freedom. But after he lived on his own for a while—what did he find? Happiness? Freedom? Nope. He found sadness!

Sometimes we forget that with God we are safer, more blessed, and more loved. He’s our Heavenly Father – He’ll help us out! God is SO faithful. He’s perfect! He’ll never mess up. He’ll never leave you or turn His back on you. He’ll always love you. The Bible says, “His love endures forever.” It goes on and on and never runs out.

Many times, as I drive around town, I see flyers like this one. (*Hold up the “Lost Dog” flyer*) “Lost Dog. Our little dog, Scruffy, is missing. We love Scruffy and we want him back. If you find Scruffy, please call us.” When I see flyers like this, I get so sad for the family. I can just imagine a family watching and hoping that their dog will come home. I think of how they must worry and hope that their little dog is safe.

Can you imagine how God feels when one of His children leaves “home?” It breaks His heart to see His children choosing to live on their own, far away from their Heavenly Father. Just like the father in the story waited and watched for his son to return home, God is waiting and watching every day waiting for His children to come back home to Him. Maybe you are here today and you have been trying to live on your own. You’ve been living a life of sin away from God because you thought you could “make it on your own.” Maybe you find yourself like that son—you’re sad, unhappy, and lonely. You realize you made a mistake by leaving God’s protection and His plan. I have some very good news for you today...



#### We Can Always Come Home (slide)

No matter how bad you mess up, no matter how far away you go, no matter what, you can ALWAYS come home! God will take you back and restore you. And we, your church family, will all celebrate – just like the family did in the story! We’ll celebrate because you were once lost, but now you’re found. You came back home! So, if that’s you, always remember: you can ALWAYS come home!

#### Altar Response: (*play soft music*)

Pray for the children who have been living “on their own.” Give them a chance to “come home” to God and put Him in the number one spot in their lives. After prayer time, gather the party favors and throw a big “Welcome Home” party for everyone who came home to God, today!

**Materials Needed:**

“REWIND!” Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

**Preparation:**

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

**1. Whatchagaddaknow today?**

**Answer:** “You Can Always Come Home!”

**2. What did the son ask for in our Bible Story?**

**Answer:** His Inheritance

**3. Did the son spend his money wisely?**

**Answer:** No

**4. What did the son get a job doing?**

**Answer:** Feeding Pigs

**5. Who did the son say was living better than he was?**

**Answer:** His Father’s Servants

**6. True or False: God is mad at us when we come home.**

**Answer:** False

**7. According to our lesson today, “Our \_\_\_\_\_ Is A Relationship With God.”**

**Answer:** Home

**8. According to our lesson today, “Sometimes We Think We Would Be \_\_\_\_\_ On Our Own.”**

**Answer:** Better Off

**9. According to our lesson today, “We Can \_\_\_\_\_ Come Home.”**

**Answer:** Always

**10. Where was our Power Verse found?**

**Answer:** 1 Peter 3:18