

THE LORD'S PRAYER I

RELATE

What characteristics does the “perfect” or “ideal” father have? Make a list as a group. Try to come up with at least 10 characteristics.

READ AND REFLECT

Read Luke 15, then answer the following questions about verses 11-24.

- **Picture It**— Imagine what it would be like to be each character in the story. What are you feeling as...
 - The father...
 - The younger son...
 - The older son...
 - The servants...
- What does the younger son do with the inheritance from his father? Have you ever done the same with a gift someone gave you?
- What finally made the son return to his father? Why do you think he didn't return sooner?
- Do you think the father's response to his son returning was fair? Why or why not? Does it make sense in today's world to respond that way?
- How is this father like our Heavenly Father?

RESPOND

Choose one of the following resolutions to keep until the next class:

- Pray to God while you walk from class to class at school for one day.
- Say a quick prayer every hour for a full day.
- Spend some time just talking with your dad for a few hours.

