



**WEEK THREE**

**LUKE 15:11-24**

Jesus tells a story about a father and son to show us that God loves us, no matter what.



**REMEMBER THIS:**

“Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love.”

**ROMANS 8:39, NIrV**



**SAY THIS:**

Who loves you?  
**GOD LOVES ME.**



**DO THIS:**



Cuddle with your child this month and pray, “Dear God, everywhere we look, we see wonderful ways that You love us. You made a beautiful world for us to live in. You listen to us when we talk to You. You are always with us. You give us yummy food to eat. You give us friends and family to help us. You are so, so good to us, God. Thank You for loving us like You do. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

**BASIC TRUTH:**

**GOD LOVES ME.**

# HIGH HOPES

By Esther Gray

What do you want your family to look like, or feel like, 10-15 years from now?

As a parent, you get the extraordinary privilege, and incredible pressure, of creating your own family culture for your kids. When my husband and I started our parenting journey, we decided to make some informal goals for our family (these are not written anywhere, but they could be). We like to revisit them every time an important decision comes up in our lives.

**We ask ourselves these three things:**  
*What kind of parent do we want our kids to have?*

*What kind of relationship do we want between our kids?*

*How do we want our family to react in times of stress?*

These are three things we know we can work on! Three things, that even in the midst of the imperfection of everyday life, we can still learn and teach our kids. These are the goals we set to help maintain this culture:

- We want to be the kind of parents who will listen, not judge, and not freak out at every little thing.
- We want to be the kind of parents who teach our boys how to deal with fear in a healthy way.

- We want to be parents who will love no matter WHAT.
- We want to be parents who do not “fight” in front of the kids.
- We want to be parents who express our love to each other at home.
- We want our kids to have the best relationships. Although we do not have complete control over this, we want to make sure we always encourage, love, and respect each other.
- Lastly, we try to help our kids trust God, no matter how hopeless a situation may seem.

These are the things we choose to continue to work on for our family. When we base decisions off of these things, we are working to build a family that, 10-15 years from now, will love each other, will trust each other, and will trust God no matter what.

What are your goals for your family?

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