

The reason we have Christmas is because God sent His Son to this earth in order to bring us **home** to **Him**.

1. When you are away from God, it is your own doing.

Luke 15:11-13; James 4:8

“The far country” - anywhere you go **apart** from **God**.

God has given you the **ability** to **choose** to decide to either love and live for Him or rebel against Him and go away from Him.

2. While you are away from God, you have disaster.

Luke 15:13-16

The most dishonorable animals to a Jew were **pigs**.

Many times God will not intervene in a person's life until they get to the point of total **desperation**.

3. When you come back to God, you find forgiveness.

Luke 15:17-21; Ecclesiastes 9:3

A sinner may go to hell **unsaved**,
but they will never go to hell **unloved**.

- He gives his son the best robe – that represented his **forgiveness**.
- He gives him the ring – that represented his **fortune**.
- He gives him sandals – that represented his **favor**.
- He kills the fattened calf – that represented his **fellowship**.

Why do we have a right to come back to our Heavenly Father's house? Because of the **blood** of **Jesus Christ**.