

# Banana

Best Advisory Note About News and Affairs

Hey Kids!

That's right – the Banana is back for another year of yellow goodness, fruity funness and bananastasticness.

Is there something you want to say to the Banana team? Got something for us to include in the next edition? Feel free to post a letter to us at the SUFM address (PO Box 52, East Doncaster, 3109) or jump onto [www.serialdrama.com](http://www.serialdrama.com) and send us an email.

Hope you've had a great year so far – enjoy perusing this Banana!

## Word Search:

Can you find all the words listed below? They are all from the story you'll find over the page!

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Father  
Love  
Prodigal  
Return

Son  
Celebrate  
Freedom  
Home  
Dance

Welcome  
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Happy  
Family  
Life

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Invitation  
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## Bible Verse:

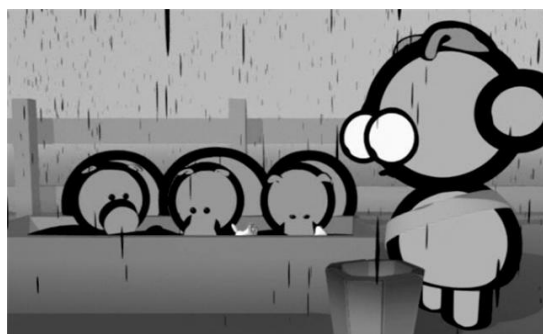
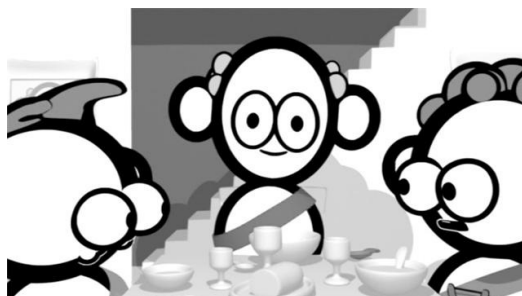
“Think how *much* the **Father** loves *us*. He loves *us* **so much** that he lets *us* be called his children, as we **truly** are.”

1 John 3:1

## The 'Welcome Home' Father Story...

*Many people came to listen to Jesus. Some of these people were the 'wise-guys,' who knew a lot about scriptures and religion. Others were rich, some were poor, some were well and some were sick. Some were adults, and some were children. Jesus told them all stories to help them understand what God is really like. He once told this story about a son, and a father...*

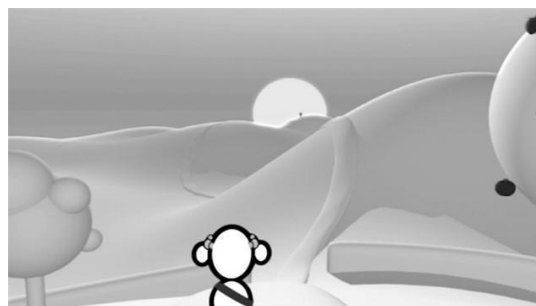
There was a man, the younger son of a wealthy father. His father owned much land, with sheep and cattle, too. Although his home had everything he needed, the young man decided that he wanted to leave his father's house. He said to his father, "The money I should receive from you when you die - I want it now. Give it to me so I can get out of here!"



Although this made the father very sad, he gave the son his inheritance. The young man took the money, collected all of his belongings and went away to a distant country. There, free to do as he pleased, he lived wild, spending everything that he had. Just as he spent the last of his wealth, a severe famine hit the land. Food was scarce, and with no money to purchase any, the young man hired himself out to a landowner who made him work with the pigs. By now the young man was so hungry that he thought even the pigs' food looked good to eat.

Eventually, the young man came to his senses. He thought to himself, "even the workers in my father's field are well looked after, with plenty of food to spare - yet here I am starving to death! I know my father will be angry with me; he won't even want me to be his son. But maybe he will let me be a worker too, so I can have food." So the young man began the long journey home.

While his son was still a long way off, his father saw him coming in the distance. Abandoning all his dignity (for respectable men in that time never ran) the father picked up his robes and ran, fast as he could to meet the son. When he reached him, the father took his son and embraced him. The young man fell to his knees, ashamed. "Father, I know I have done the wrong thing against you, even against heaven. I'm not worthy to be called your son," he cried.



But the father, instead of being angry, called his servants.

"Bring out the special robes of honour, for my son. Bring out a ring that shows he is my son, and bring him sandals for his feet. Take our best calf, and prepare it as a roast - tonight we shall feast! For my son, he was dead but is alive again. He was lost and is found!"

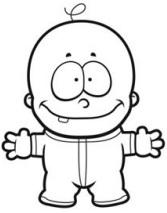
*... Jesus' story helps us to know that God is a Father who runs toward us to welcome us home - even if we have been away a long time. There's more to this story, we've only shared a small part here. You can check it out in the Bible. The story is found in Luke, chapter 15, verses 11 - 32.*

### A NOTE FROM SUZIE:

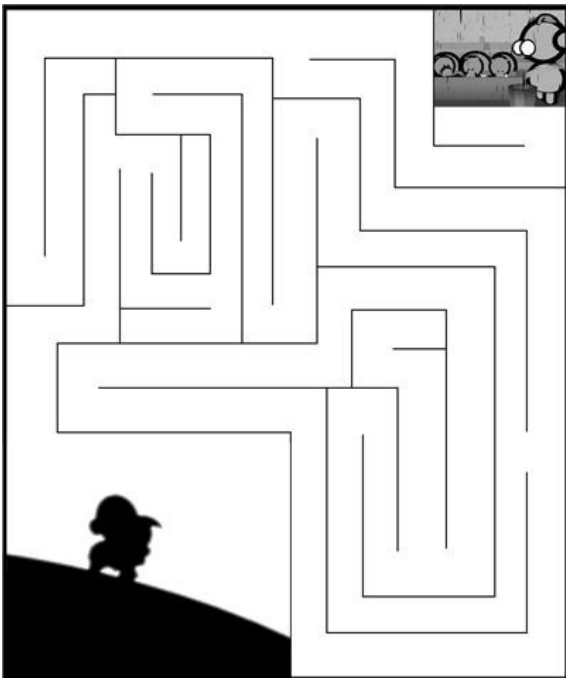
I think one of the worst feelings is being in a room full of people and having no one to talk to. You look around and see lots of other people laughing and chatting but you are all by yourself. Has this ever happened to you?

Now, what about at school? I always loved catching up with my friends in class but there's always one person sitting by themselves with no one to talk to, isn't there? Jesus set a great example - he was friends with everyone and loved everyone for who they are. So maybe next time you're in class and there is someone by themselves, go up and say hi, ask them 'How is your day going?' because you know what it feels like to be left out. You never know what might happen!

### DID YOU KNOW?



- In Sweden there is a ski-thru McDonalds.
- Babies start dreaming even before they're born.
- In Singapore, it is illegal to sell or own chewing gum



### **Lost Son Maze!**

Can you lead the Lost Son from the pigs back to his home and his Father?

# Pirates of the Peninsula continued...

Arr, I be Captain Oldface from the Serial Drama at SUFM earlier this year! And I hope you all remember me. Of all the Pirates of the Peninsula, I was the fastest, the strongest and the greatest captain of all! I hope you remember that, also. Anyway, I have been sailing the fifteen seas, and I have come across many mermaids and barnacles and Giant Teabags and things. The pirates of the East and the pirates of the West are with me on my journey, too, and, oh! The adventures we have had! But you all missed out on them! Ha har! Because I am not coming back to tell you about my very definitely true pastimes again!

But on my ancient journeys I did see something odd running about. So I naturally got out my video camera and started filming something for you all...



Yes, it is the Serial Drama Movie 2009, and it is all about fruit! Ha har! The Serial Drama Movie is a fantastic version of a Serial Drama that you can see on your computer at home! It has a whole new story, starring your favourite leaders from SUFM! To see updates about this year's fun movie, or look at episodes from previous years, jump on the internet at:

**[serialdrama.com](http://serialdrama.com)**

I think it should have more pirates! Yess!