



**What is this TXT Fondue program about?**

In this program, we want to let you discover how important it is for a follower of King Jesus to know God as Father. We will end with a joint prayer, in which we thank God the Father that He is our Father and that He gives us his abundant love.

**How is a TXT Fondue played?**

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

*Not the answer but the process*

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go in-depth can do so afterwards.

*Referee*

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

*Feedback*

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through [HuisfeestNetwerk.org](http://HuisfeestNetwerk.org)! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at [facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork](https://facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork).

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**What is the House Feast Network?**

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

*Networking*

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: [facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork](https://facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork). Elders can exchange their experiences at [facebook.com/groups/Oudsten](https://facebook.com/groups/Oudsten).

*Share impressions*

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

**What is the Learnhouse?**

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the second fundament: baptism.

We recommend you to read the book of Deuteronomy while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

**Previous program:**

1.12 Mercy

**This program:**

2.01 God the Father

**Next program:**

2.02 Bible

For an overview of all programs, see the [Learnhouse](#).

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**1a. In this program, one team will explore the parable of the lost son. King Jesus tells this parable in Luke 15:11–32, and you can find it on page 4 of this TXT Fondue. Please read this story aloud.**

**This parable of the lost son could also be called the parable of the loving father.**

**Why?**

(answer) Because God the Father reveals Himself as a loving Father.

**2a. In the parable of the lost son, the youngest son asks for his share of the estate. By doing that, what does he indirectly say to his father?**

(answer) You are dead to me.



**3a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)**

**If you insult your father in such a severe way, the Jewish tradition says the father should have slapped his son in the face and then cast him out of the family. However, this is not what the father does. Someone from the team asking the question will draw what the father did do. The other team will try and guess this.**

(answer) He gave his son his share of the estate, and he let him go.



**4a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)**

**The youngest son wasted his money in a land far off. After he has lost everything and there was a famine, he really got to know the people who initially adored him. Someone from the team asking the question will lip read what these supposed friends turned out to be. The other team will try and guess this.**

(answer) Exploiters.



**5a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)**

**The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime what happens to the youngest son when he ran out of money. The other team will try and guess this.**

(answer) He ended up with the pigs.

**6a. When his life reaches rock bottom, the youngest son remembered his father. Which three things did he decide to do?**

(answer) The other team must name all three of these:

1. To go back home.
2. To confess his sins.
3. To offer his father to work for him as a hired servant.



**7a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)**

**In Israel, villages are often surrounded by farmland. This means they can also see a visitor come from afar. Someone who is cast out of the village, can be sure that if he returns, the villagers will throw stones at him. The lost son could also count on that. Someone from the team asking the question will lip read, which expression describes someone does, when rocks are thrown at him. The other team will try and guess this expression.**

(answer) Walking with obstacles.



**8a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)**

**The father could see his son coming, and he knew his son was in danger because he was running the gauntlet. The father did something to prevent that. The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime what the father did. The other team will try and guess this act.**

(answer) He ran to his son, but in order to run, he had to pull up his robe—which reaches to his ankles— and uncover his legs.



**9a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)**

**In the eastern culture, an older man is not supposed to be running with uncovered legs. Out of love for his son, the father does do this, and it is visible for everyone in the village. Someone from the team will explain without using the word itself, what the father took upon himself by doing this, in order to save his son. The other team will try and guess this "forbidden word".**

(answer) The embarrassment.

**10a. The father ran towards his son, embraced him, forgave him and accepted him as his son again. Which three things that the father gives to his son symbolize this decision?**

(answer) The other team needs to name all three of these:

- A new robe (festive clothing);
- Sandals (shoes);
- A ring (his father's signet ring).



**11a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)**

**The father made sure that the youngest son was also reconciled with his fellows, the villagers. Someone from the team asking the question will draw how this happened. The other team will try and guess this.**

(answer) They had a celebration with a slaughtered calf.

**12a. Not just the youngest son was lost; the oldest son also turns out to be a "lost son". What was his lostness?**

(answer) He tried to earn the love of his father, in stead of receiving it from him.

**Closing question (both teams): Can everyone among you accept God as your Father? Then will you thank God the Father in joint prayer for being your Father, who gives you his abundant love?**



**Luke 15:11–32 (question 1a)**

- <sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.
- <sup>13</sup> "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'
- <sup>20</sup> "So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.
- <sup>21</sup> "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'
- <sup>22</sup> "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.
- <sup>25</sup> "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.
- <sup>27</sup> "'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'
- <sup>28</sup> "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.
- <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'
- <sup>31</sup> "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.
- <sup>32</sup> "But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"



**1b. Ephesians 3:14–15 says: "For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name." Whom are we named after?**  
(answer) God, the Father of King Jesus.

**2b. Hebrews 1:1–2 says: "In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe." In which two ways did God the Father speak to man according to these verses?**

(answer) Through the prophets and through King Jesus.



**3b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)**

**1 John 3:1 says: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him."**

**This says that God the Father wants us to be His children. Someone from the team asking the question will lip read how we, according to the Bible, we may and should say "Abba Father". The other team will try and guess this.**

(answer) Cry out.

*(comment) "Abba" is Aramaic for "dad". Romans 8:15 says: "The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'"*



**4b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)**

**Someone from the team asking the question will draw which two things God the Father wants to give to us. The other team will try and guess this.**

(answer) Life and abundance.

*(comment) In John 10:10 (KJV), King Jesus says: "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."*



**5b. Do you know a song that describes God as a Father? The team that needs to answer this question comes up with a song and sings it. The team asking the question may sing along.**

(answer) The team asking the question determines if a good song was chosen.



**6b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)**  
**King Jesus gives more examples of the love God the Father has for us. The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime which promise He among others makes. The other team will try and guess this.**

(answer) No one can snatch us out of the Father's hand.

(comment) *It says so in John 10:27–29: "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand."*



**7b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)**  
**Someone from the team asking the question will explain how God the Father brings us to a holy life, without saying the word itself. The other team will try and guess this "forbidden word".**

(answer) Discipline / chastening.

(comment) *It says so in Hebrews 12:5–11: "And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, 'My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.'*

*Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."*

**8b. 1 Peter 5:7 says: "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." What does God the Father do for us, so we should not do it ourselves?**

(answer) We don't need to worry, because He takes care of us.



**9b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)**  
**In Zephaniah 3:17 (NASB), God the Father makes clear what He thinks of His children: ""The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, he will be quiet in His love, he will rejoice over you with shouts of joy." The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime what He does. The other team will try and guess both.**

(answer) The other team must name both of these:

- He will be quiet in His love.
- He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.



**10b. What are first four words of the most well-known prayer from the Bible?**

(answer) "Our Father in heaven, ..."

(comment) *King Jesus teaches this prayer in Matthew 6:9: "This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.'"*



**11b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)**

**Really getting to know God the Father as a true and loving father is important for our lives as followers of King Jesus. Someone from the team asking the question will explain without naming the word itself, what the father of the lost son didn't want his son to become after his return. The other team will try and guess this "forbidden word".**

(answer) Servant / slave.



**12b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)**

**The heavenly Father wants us to be with Him. King Jesus is preparing our arrival in heaven. Someone from the team asking the question will draw what He is preparing. The other team will try and guess this.**

(answer) Mansions (homes).

(comment) *He says so in John 14:2-3: "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."*

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