

Parables of Jesus

Our Stay-at -Home series is about the Parables Jesus told. Jesus used the parables to explain to us concepts that may otherwise be difficult to understand. Over the next several weeks we will look at the earthly stories and explain and apply the heavenly meaning that goes with them.

I have included a short story video for this lesson. Please use the link below to access the video.

Link to the Story Video - The Prodigal Son - <https://youtu.be/BdhkKwFqMGw>

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The Prodigal Son


Lesson Plan

Key Verses: **(Luke 15:11-32)**

Objectives:

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Application:

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4's&5's -

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Activities:

2's&3's - Prodigal Son Color page (page 7)

Prodigal Son Activity (page 8-9)

4's&5's - Prodigal Son Color page (page 7)

Prodigal Son Activity (page 8-9)

K & 1st - Prodigal Son Color page (page 7)

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2nd & 3rd - Prodigal Son Comic (page 10-11)

4th & up - Prodigal Son Comic (page 10-11)

Parable - The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

Who remembers what a parable is? That's right, a parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. In other words, it's a story that we can easily understand to help explain something more complicated that we may not easily understand. Over the last several weeks we have discussed many parables. We have learned how to be a light, a wise man who built his house on the rock, the rich fool taught us what our priorities should be, and we learned about being a sower and how to hear God's Word. Today's story tells us a little more about Jesus and how much he cares for us.

Jesus told His disciples this parable:

11And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. 12And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. 13Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. 14And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.



15So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. (Now the Jews thought pigs were super dirty and that feeding them was the worst job possible, but he was so poor that he didn't care) 16And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs



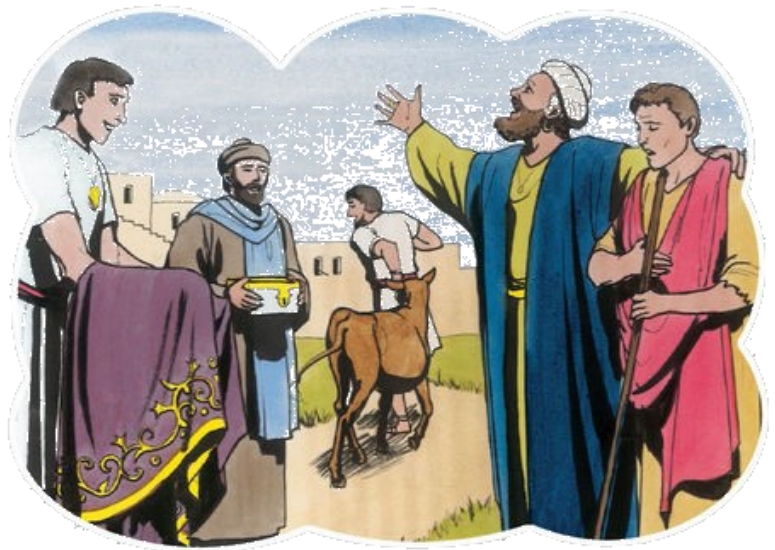
ate, and no one gave him anything. 17 "But when he came to himself, he said,

'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will

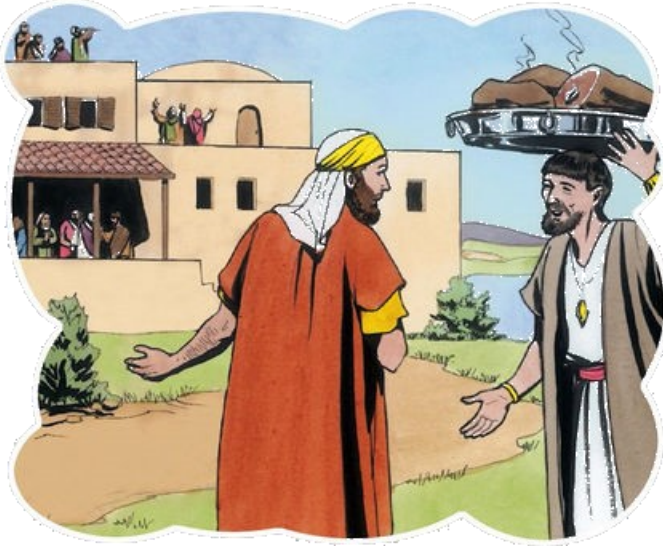


arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was

still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.



²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these



many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him! ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine

is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

What does this earthly story teach us? It shows us God's love for all His children. Whether we are the older son or the younger son, God's love for us does not change.

The younger son, or the prodigal son, left his home to see the world with his fortunes but found himself lost and without a home. Sometimes we stray, like the younger son, turn away from God and our family (the church), finding ourselves lost. Just as the younger son repented and returned home, we can always return to God, asking Him to forgive us. And just like the father in the story, God will always forgive and celebrate when we return to Him.

The older son stayed and was always faithful to the Father, just as many Christians are. But the older son was jealous when the younger son received special treatment. The father pointed out that He never stopped loving him and everything He promised was for him. God's love never changed.

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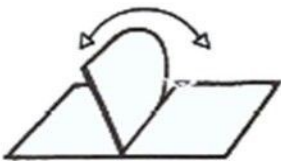
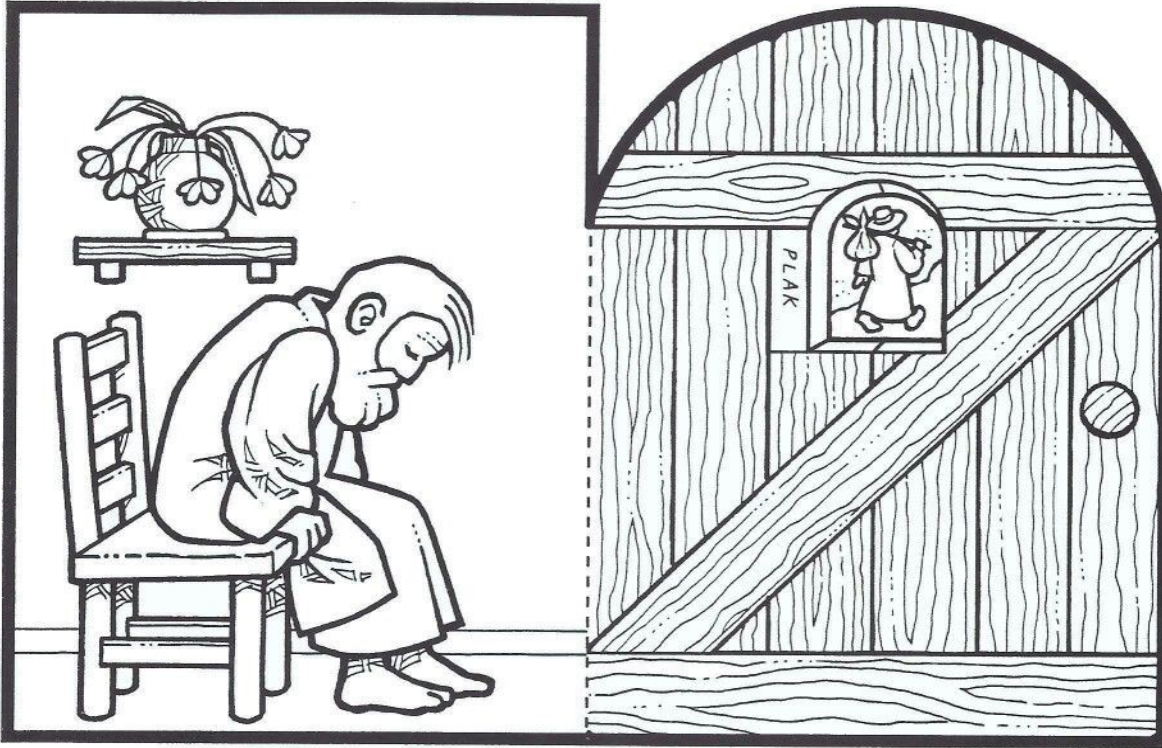
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After he lost everything, he hired himself out to a farmer to feed pigs. He put away his pride and decided to go home and ask his father for mercy. (Luke 15:14-20)



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Cut out and glue to front and back of door craft.

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Luke 15:11-32

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Luke 15:32b

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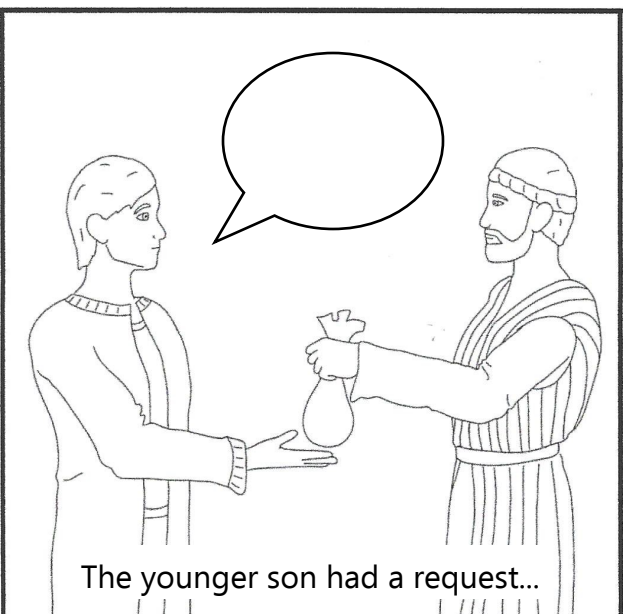
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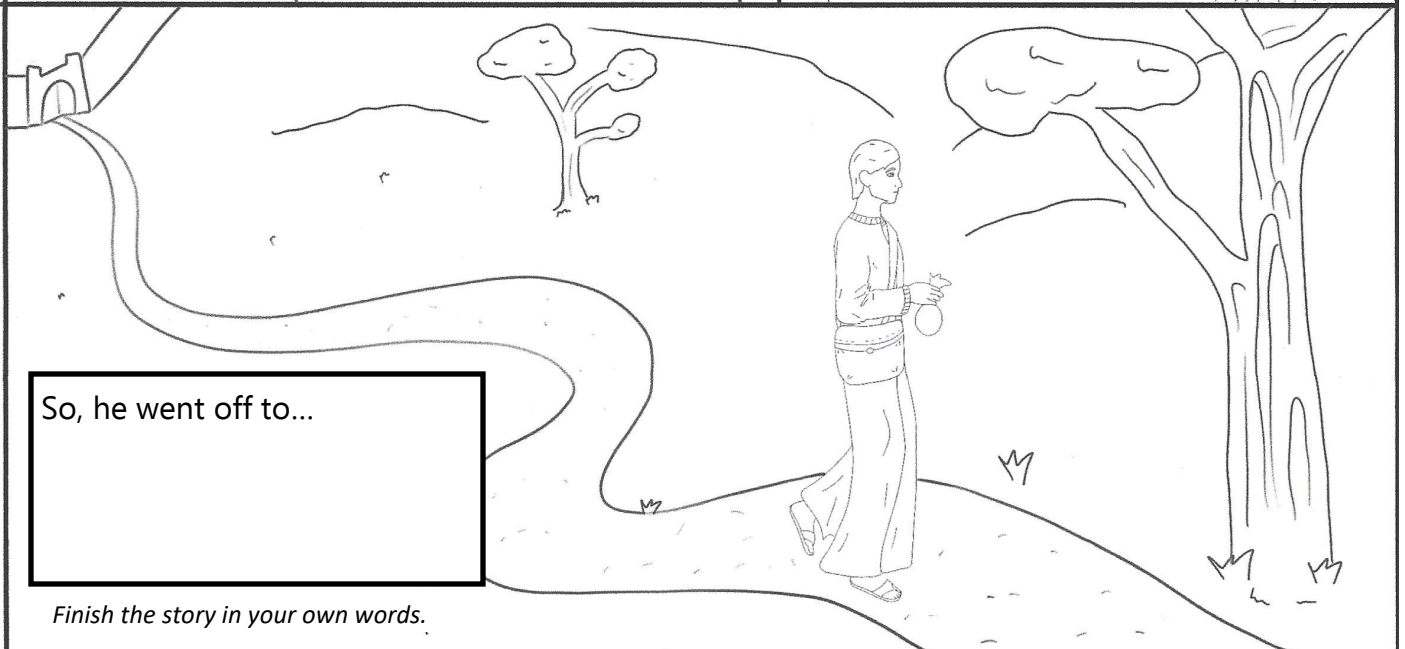
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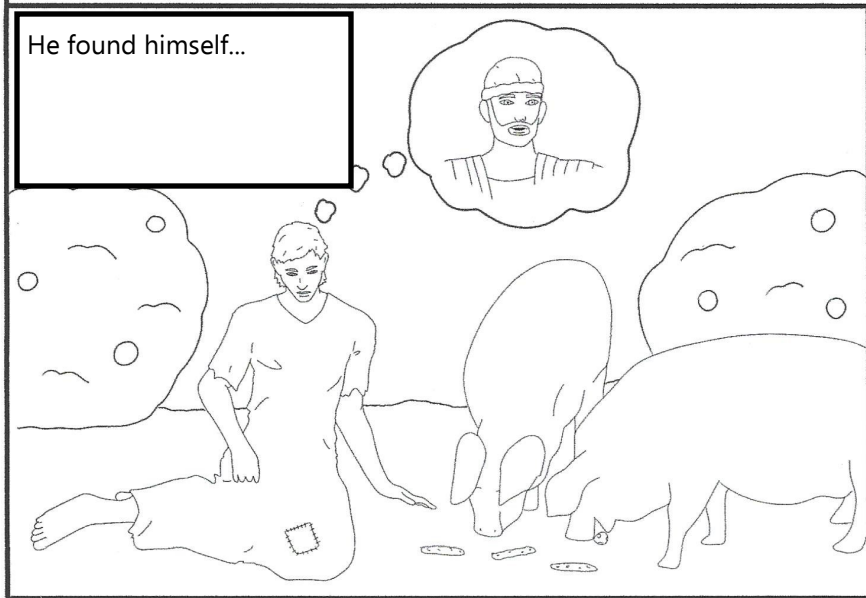


The younger son had a request...



So, he went off to...

Finish the story in your own words.



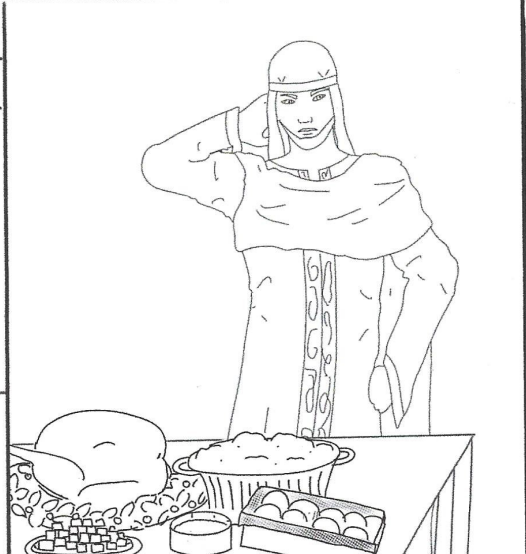
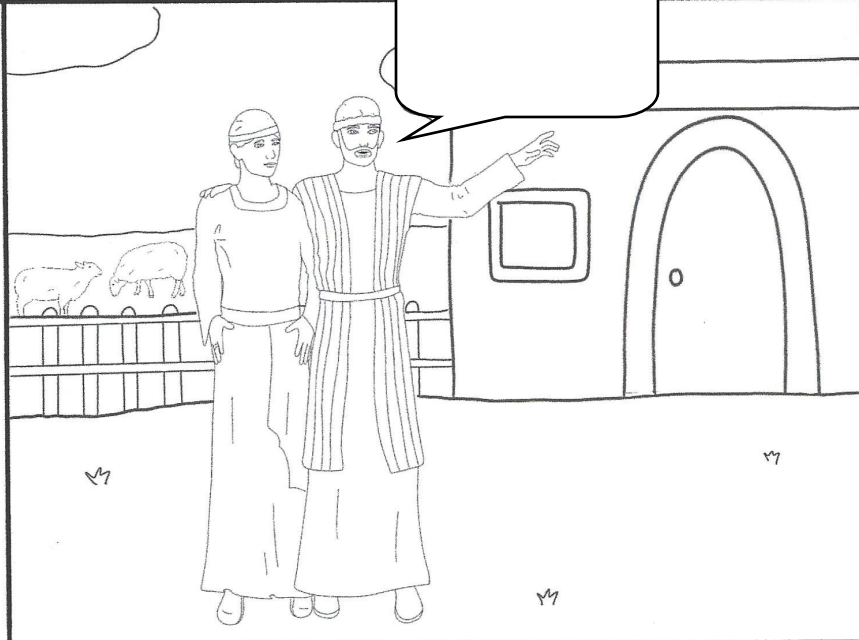
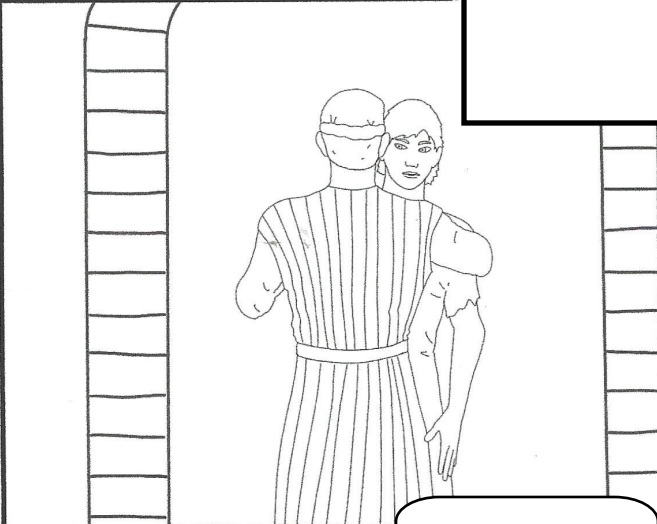
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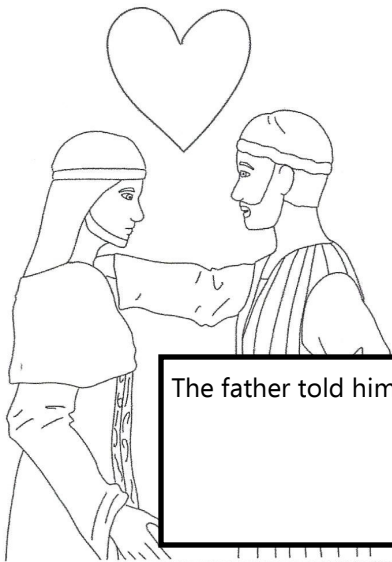
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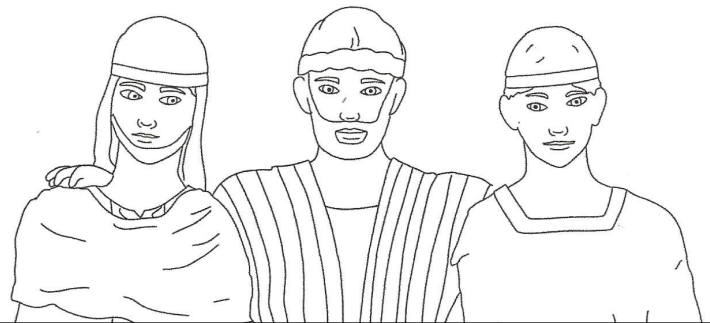
The father was so...



The older son...



The father told him...



Just like the prodigal son, we...

