

## Parables - The Lost Son

### Game

You could play a game of hide and seek or one person hide an item and the others look for it.

Think about how it would feel if you lost something precious. How would you feel when you found it again?



### Bible Reading



*Note to parents: I have edited the language in verse 30 to ensure it is family friendly, so please be aware of this if your child is reading from their own bible.*

### **The Lost Son**

Jesus went on to say, "There was once a man who had two sons. The younger one said to him, 'Father, give me my share of the property now.' So the man divided his property between his two sons. After a few days the younger son sold his part of the property and left home with the money. He went to a country far away, where he wasted his money in reckless living. He spent everything he had. Then a severe famine spread over that country, and he was left without a thing. So he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him out to his farm to take care of the pigs. He wished he could fill himself with the bean pods the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything to eat. At last he came to his senses and said, 'All my father's hired workers have more than they can eat, and here I am about to starve! I will get up and go to my father and say, Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired workers.' So he got up and started back to his father.

"He was still a long way from home when his father saw him; his heart was filled with pity, and he ran, threw his arms round his son, and kissed him. 'Father,' the son said, 'I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son.' But the father called his servants. 'Hurry!' he said. 'Bring the best robe and put it on him.

Put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Then go and get the prize calf and kill it, and let us celebrate with a feast! For this son of mine was dead, but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he has been found.' And so the feasting began.

"In the meantime the elder son was out in the field. On his way back, when he came close to the house, he heard the music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him, 'What's going on?' 'Your brother has come back home,' the servant answered, 'and your father has killed the prize calf, because he got him back safe and sound.'

"The elder brother was so angry that he would not go into the house; so his father came out and begged him to come in. But he answered his father, 'Look, all these years I have worked for you like a slave, and I have never disobeyed your orders. What have you given me? Not even a goat for me to have a feast with my friends! But this son of yours wasted all your property...and when he comes back home, you kill the prize calf for him!' 'My son,' the father answered, 'you are always here with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be happy, because your brother was dead, but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he has been found.' "

Luke 15v11-32

**You can watch a video of the story here -**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJgROx4wFKM>



**Big Questions**



1. What do you think Jesus wanted to teach people from this parable?
2. Who do you think the different people in the story represent?
3. How did the son feel when he was working with the pigs? His attitude had changed, how and why do you think this happened?
4. The son who went away and spent all of his father's money behaved in a bad way, but his father still forgave him. Do you think there is anything you could do that God would not forgive?
5. How do you think the son who had stayed behind felt when he saw how his father welcomed back his brother after all he had done wrong?



## Prayer



We all sin and turn our back on God. This could be a way we behave, thoughts we have or our attitude towards things or people. Can you think of some ways you have sinned this week? Take a few mins to say Sorry to God and ask for his forgiveness.

It is never too late to turn back to God and ask for forgiveness. He will always welcome us back because he loves us and nothing can separate us from his love!



## Songs



God's love it big - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmeNMneL0eI>

Who you say I am - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcC1Bp13n\\_4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcC1Bp13n_4)



## Craft



The options for today's craft are:

### 1. Welcoming arms craft.



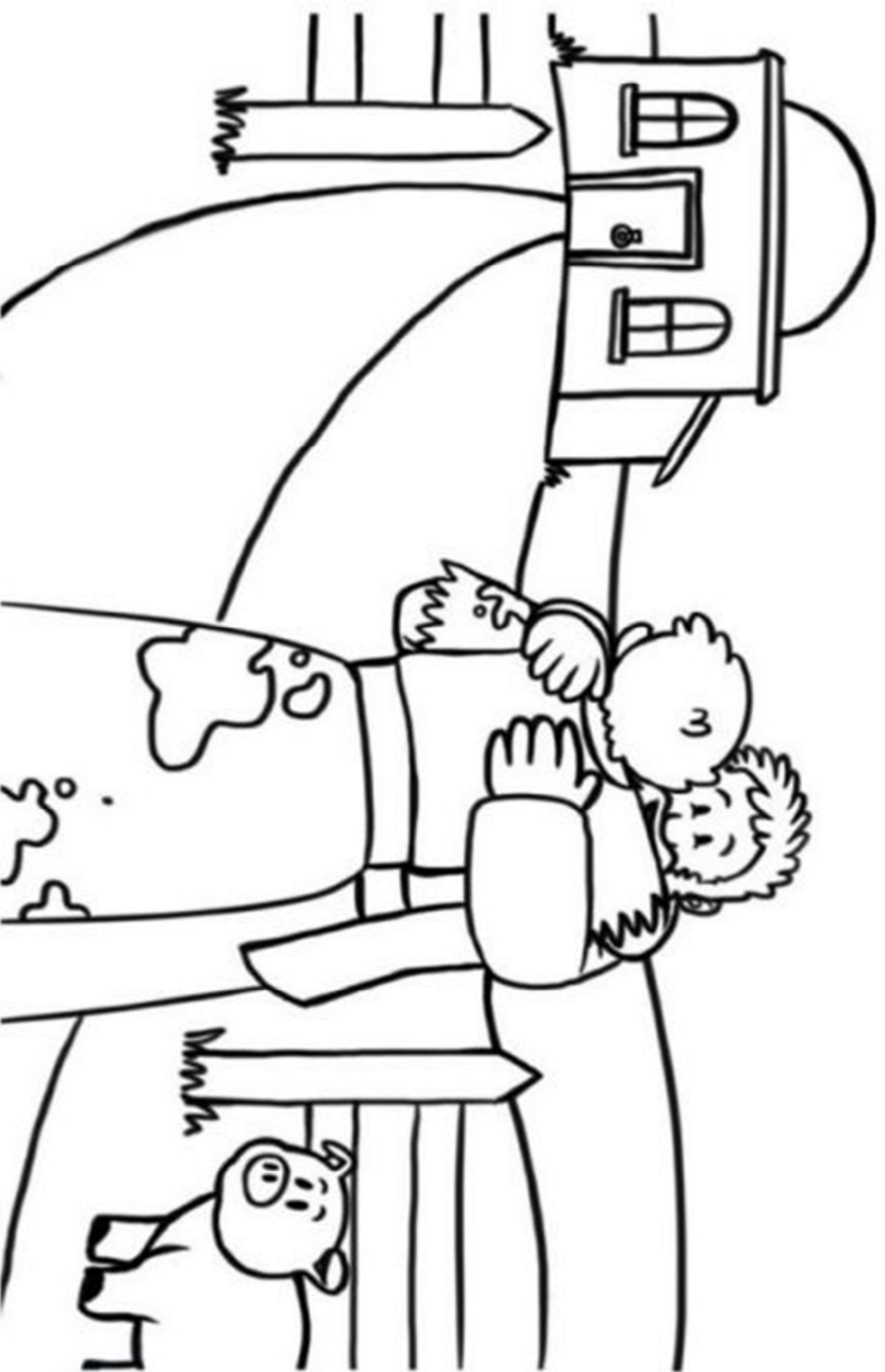
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<https://meaningfulmama.com/teaching-kids-forgiveness-parable-lost-son-craft.html>

### 2. Draw a picture of the part of the story where the Father welcomes his son back home.

My son was lost and is found.

Luke 15:24



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