

## The Lost Son Returns

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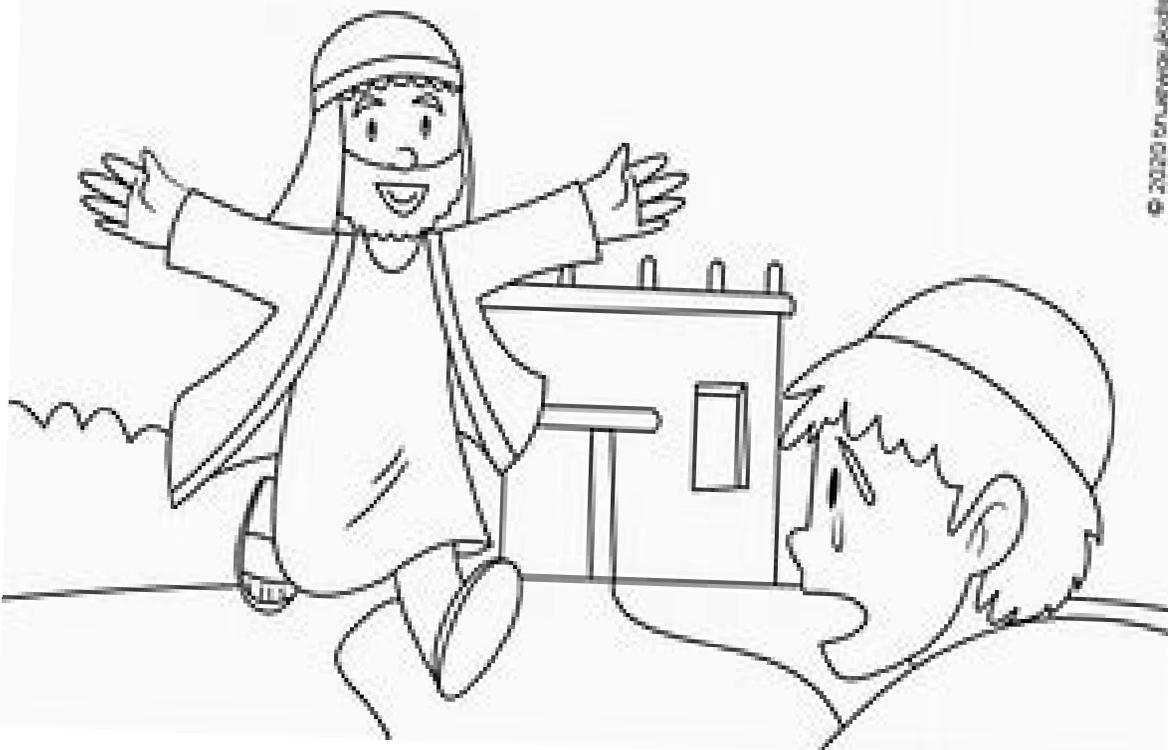
### Bible Story

Once there was a kind father who had two sons. One day, the younger son asked for his share of the family's money. He left home and spent it all on things that didn't last. Soon, he had no money, no food, and no friends. He was so hungry, he thought even the pigs' food looked good!

Feeling sad, he decided to go back home and tell his father he was sorry. When the father saw him coming, he ran to hug him! The father was so happy his son was home that he threw a big celebration!



### Jesus Forgives Us



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As you color the picture, talk about how God is like the kind father in the Bible story, always ready to forgive us.

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## FIND The Kind Father



Help the Lost Son find his way through the pigs back home to his Father.

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## Family Focus

Sometimes we make poor decisions even when we know better. Sometimes we just want what we want, and our fleshly desires win over the Holy Spirit's prompting. God gives us free will because He loves us and won't force His will on us. However, because of this love, He also forgives us when we go against His wishes. Just like the kind father in this Bible story, we can also forgive our children and show them grace when they make choices that aren't what we want for them. The consequences of their choices don't go away, but as godly parents, we can remind them of our unfailing love and forgiveness no matter what they choose—just like God loves and forgives them and us.

### FAMILY NIGHT.

Show your children how much you love them by playing a game:  
Print a picture of the Prodigal Son or use a small doll and hide it somewhere in the house or room. Have your child search for it. Once they find it, ask them how they wish to celebrate. Idea: use the picture or doll and throw a small party for it!