

**The Story of:**  
**THE PRODIGAL SON**  
**(Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)**

Jesus spent time with all sorts of people, even people who had done bad things. This made some people mad. “Why is Jesus always around people who do bad things?” they grumbled. Jesus heard them, so he told them this story:

A man had two sons. The younger son, who was a bit wild and crazy, came to his father and said, “dad, I want to get away from here. I want my money.” This made the father sad, but he split his money and gave his son the part that was his. The younger son packed his bag and headed out away from home.

The son traveled to a faraway country and spent all of his money on fancy parties and food. Soon he had no more money and no place to stay. Lucky for him, he found a man who let him sleep in his barn if the he fed the pigs.

“What am I thinking?” he said to himself as he fed the pigs. “The men who work for my father have more than enough to eat and here I am starving to death. I’ll go home and say to my father, “dad, I made a big mistake. I’m not good enough to be your son, but would you let me work for you?” So he went home.

While he was still far away from his house, his father saw him. His father ran and threw his arms around him. The father put a ring on his son’s finger and shoes on his feet and ordered that a party be thrown for him.

The older son saw his father’s servants preparing for the party and asked, “What’s going on?”

“Your brother is home,” said a servant, “and your father is having a party.” This made the older brother angry at his father.

“I have always done what’s right,” he said to his father. “I’ve worked hard for you, but you never gave me a party. Now my brother came home after he wasted your money. Why are you throwing him a party?”

“My son, you have always been with me; but your brother left and has now come back!”

Then the people understood. Jesus spent time with those people because, even though they had done bad things, they decided to change their lives and live like God wanted. This made Jesus so happy!

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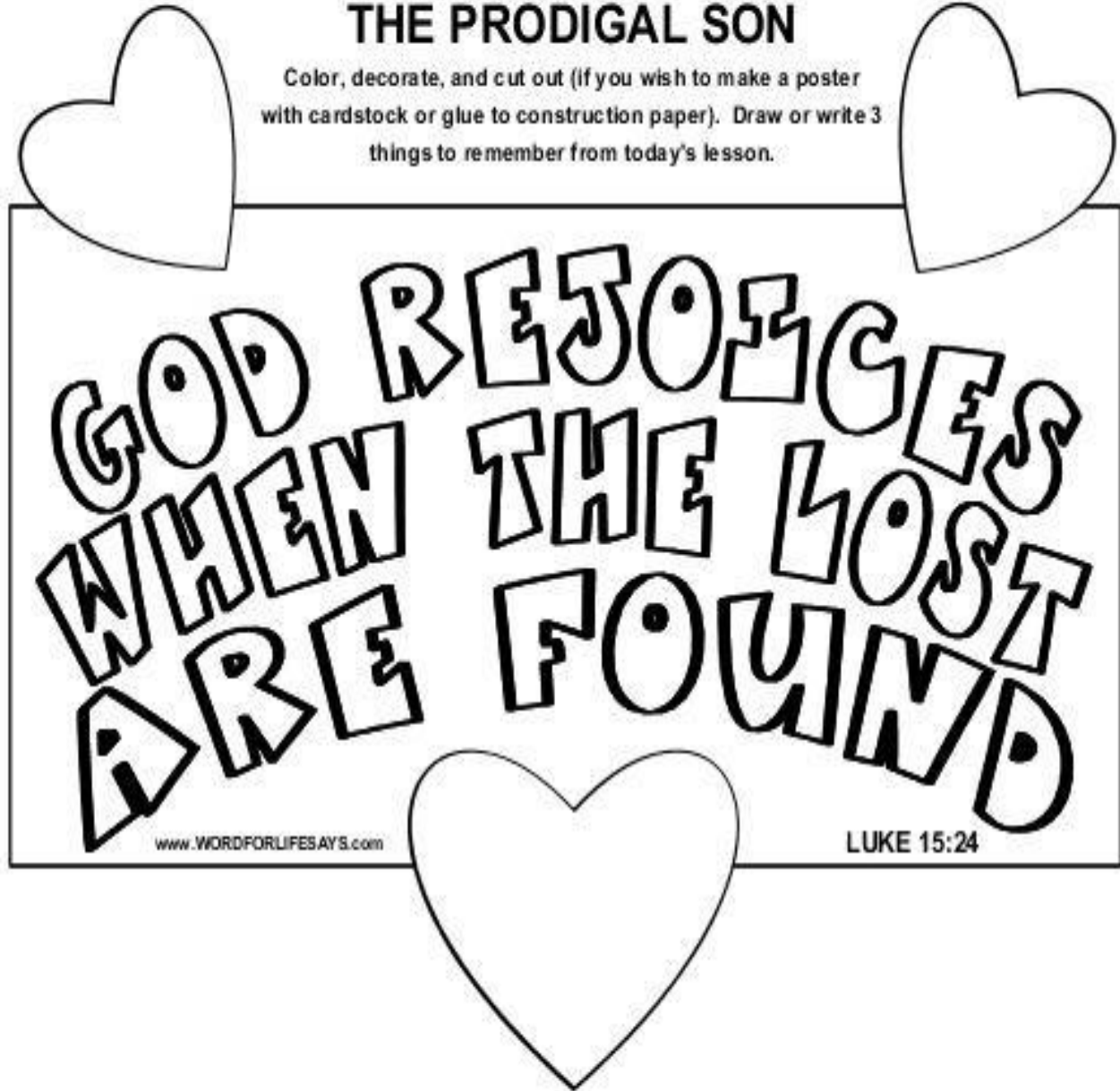
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**Coloring Activity Page for the Story of:  
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**THE PRODIGAL SON**

Color, decorate, and cut out (if you wish to make a poster with cardstock or glue to construction paper). Draw or write 3 things to remember from today's lesson.



## Craft Ideas for the Story of: **THE PRODIGAL SON** (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

In the first suggested craft, you would need to print out the following words: **“God is loving & forgiving to us, just like the father who welcomed his prodigal son with a hug”** so your child could paste it as shown.

You can do this craft or the one shown on the bottom half of this page – or both:



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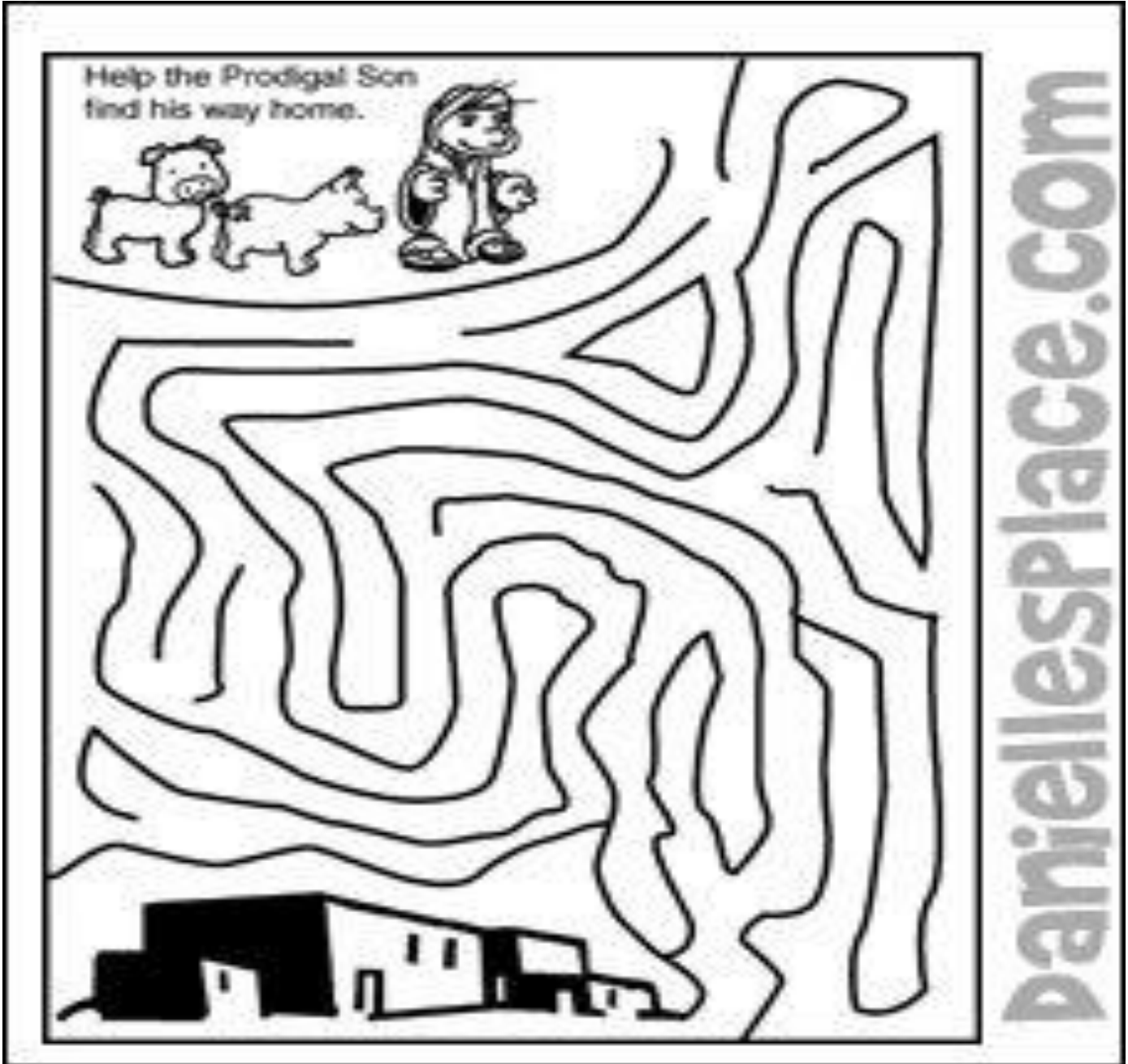
Connect the dots.



**Our Father forgives us.**

Like the father in the story of the prodigal son,  
God rejoices when we return to Him.

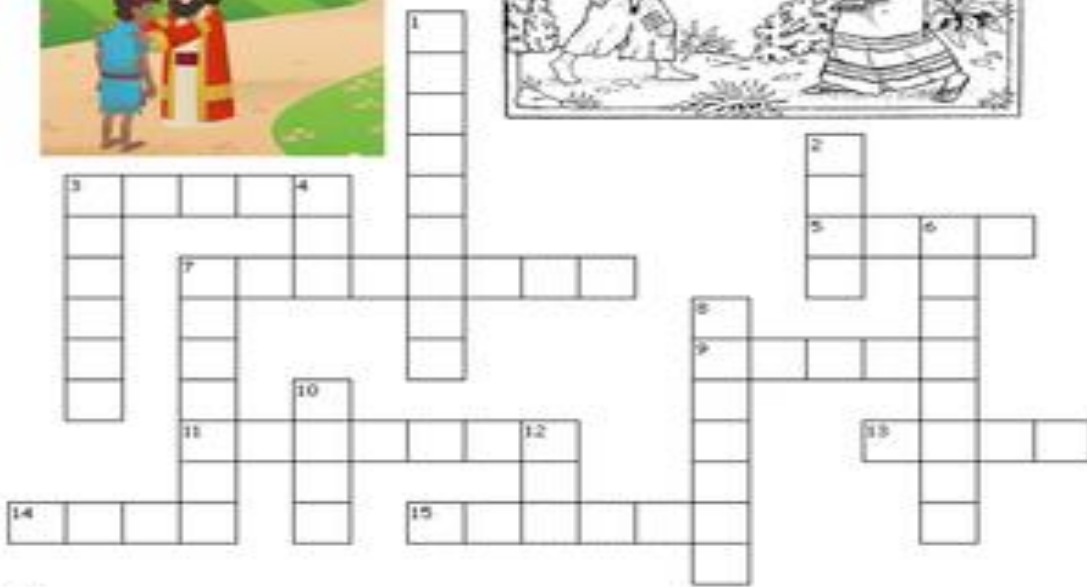
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## The Prodigal Son



**Across**

- 3. While the son was gone he ? all the money he had right away. He didn't think to save any of it. He ate out every meal every day, he threw wild parties and spent money on many other things that God wouldn't be happy with.
- 5. "But, my son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was ? and now he is found."
- 7. ? means to spend a lot of money on things you don't need and being very wasteful with what you have.
- 9. A little while later, the ? son was working in the field and heard music and dancing. So he called to one of the servants and asked what was going on. "Your brother has come home and your father is having a party for his return."
- 11. The older ? in this story just shows how most of us would act if this happened to us. I think we would all be upset if our younger brother or sister ran away for a long time and did a whole bunch of bad things and then came home and your parents threw a big party for him.
- 13. He had nothing to eat, so he had to get a job. The only job he could find was feeding ? He was so hungry he tried to eat the food that the ? were eating but his boss caught him and told him if he ever saw him doing that again he would lose his job.
- 14. He knew that if he became like a hired man on his father's farm he would still be better off than he was right now. He would always have a warm place to stay and food to eat. So he headed for ?