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VERSION (NKJV)**



# THE PRODIGAL SON

**LUKE 15:11-32**



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**THE  
PRODIGAL  
SON**

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## UNDERSTANDING THE STORY:

**Jesus loves all people and wants everybody to know God. There were some leaders who were not happy that Jesus was kind to people that sinned a lot (Luke 15:1-3). Jesus taught the leaders a very important lesson by telling them a story.**

- *In the story, how many sons did the father have? What did the younger son want from his father? Where did the son go? Did the son use the money in a good way? What does prodigal living mean? (He wasted his money, his life, and everything he had.)*

**There was not enough food in the country and the son had spent and wasted all his money; he had none left.**

- *What kind of job did the son get? What did this son almost want to do? Did anybody help him?*
- *The son began thinking about the servants at his father's house. What did those servants have that he did not have?*
- *The son thought about how wrong he was and he made a plan. What was his plan?*

**The younger son got up and went back to his father.**

- *What did his father feel in his heart when he saw his son? (Compassion - he felt sorry and sad for his son and wanted to help him.) How did the father welcome his son back home?*
- *What did the son say to his father? What did the father tell the servants?*

**The father was so happy when his son came home that he had a big party to celebrate.**

- *How did the older son act when he heard what happened? What did his father say to him?*
- *The father said that his younger son had been dead and was alive; he was lost and was now found. What does it mean that he was dead and lost? (His sin had taken him so far away from his father that it was the same as if he really was dead and really was lost, because his heart was.)*

## SIMPLE TRUTHS:

**In the story, the father reminds us of God and how much God loves people.**

- *Today, are there people who don't love God but just want to do bad things?*

**The Bible says that sin makes life hard and sad.**

- *What is sin? What is so sad about sinning? (Sin separates us from God. It takes us far away from Him and it will ruin our lives.)*

**God wants to rescue people from sin. Jesus looks for people who are lost in sin and He saves them.**

- *How can we have our sins taken away? Will Jesus forgive us if we ask Him?*
- *Just like the father rejoiced (was so happy) when his son came home, the Bible says that there is joy in heaven when even one sinner is sorry for their sins.*
- *God knows every wrong thing that we have done, but He wants to forgive us and give us life forever with Him. Have you ever asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins? Have you asked Jesus to make you a part of His family so that you can live with Him in heaven after you die? (Maybe someone wants to do that now?)*

## AND REMEMBER...

God loves you  
so much!

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## KEY WORDS FROM BIBLE STORY

Two Sons    Wasted  
Father      Sinned  
Compassion    Ring

FIND THE **KEY WORDS** IN THE **WORDSEARCH**. THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH KEY WORD IS **BOLDED** IN WORDSEARCH.

A O V A H V T G T G  
T W O S O N S T G R  
A M S I N N E D O S  
L O W A S T E D S E  
O L S E T I O N G L  
F A T H E R U L A T  
C O M P A S S I O N  
P T Y V F U R I N G

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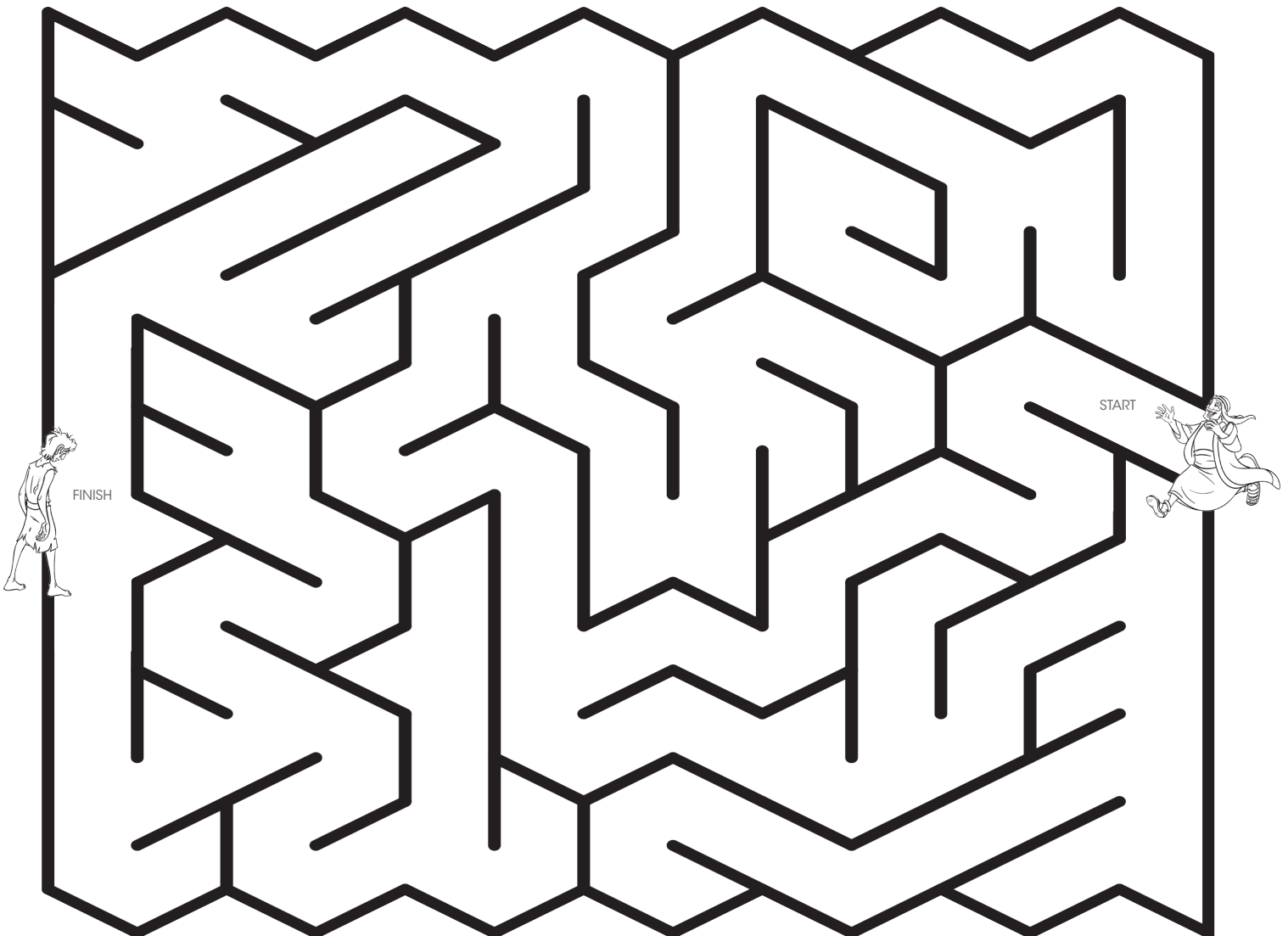
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**COMING SOON**

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## FILL IN THE BLANK

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# THE PRODIGAL SON FIND THE DIFFERENCES

ORIGINAL



5 CHANGES





# THE PRODIGAL SON THE CRAFT

## WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

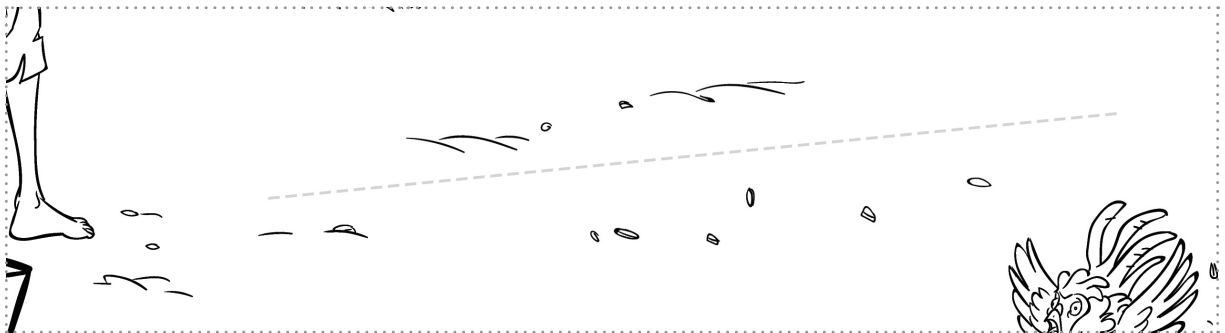
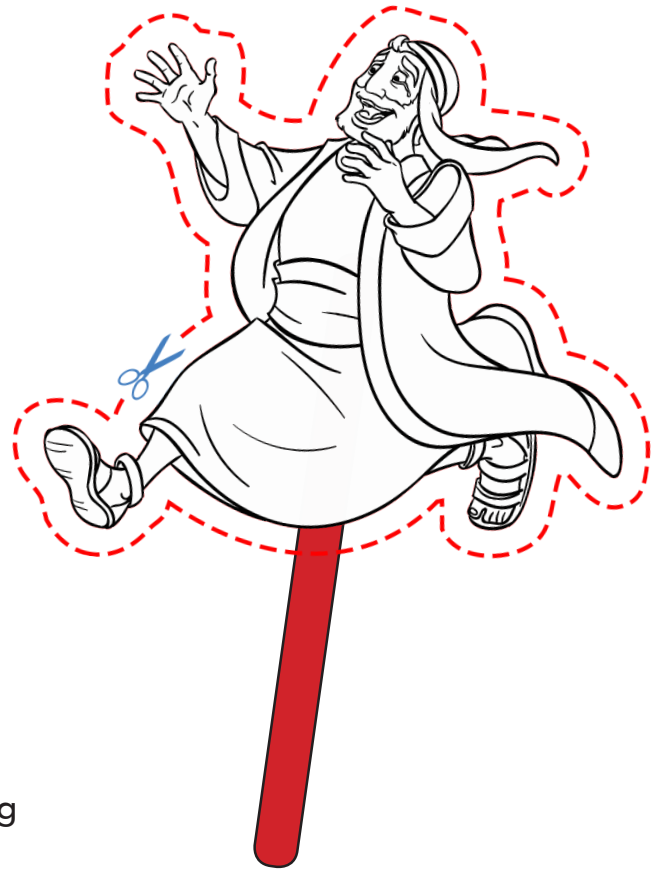
- Scissors
- Utility Knife Box Cutter
- Tape **OR** Glue
- Wooden Craft Sticks (Popsicle Sticks)
- 32lb (or heavier) Paper **OR** Cardstock Paper

## BEFORE CLASS INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Copy both the father image and the main craft page onto heavyweight paper **OR** cardstock paper.
2. Use scissors to cut out the father image.
3. Use a box cutter to cut along the dotted line on the main craft page.

## DURING CLASS INSTRUCTIONS:

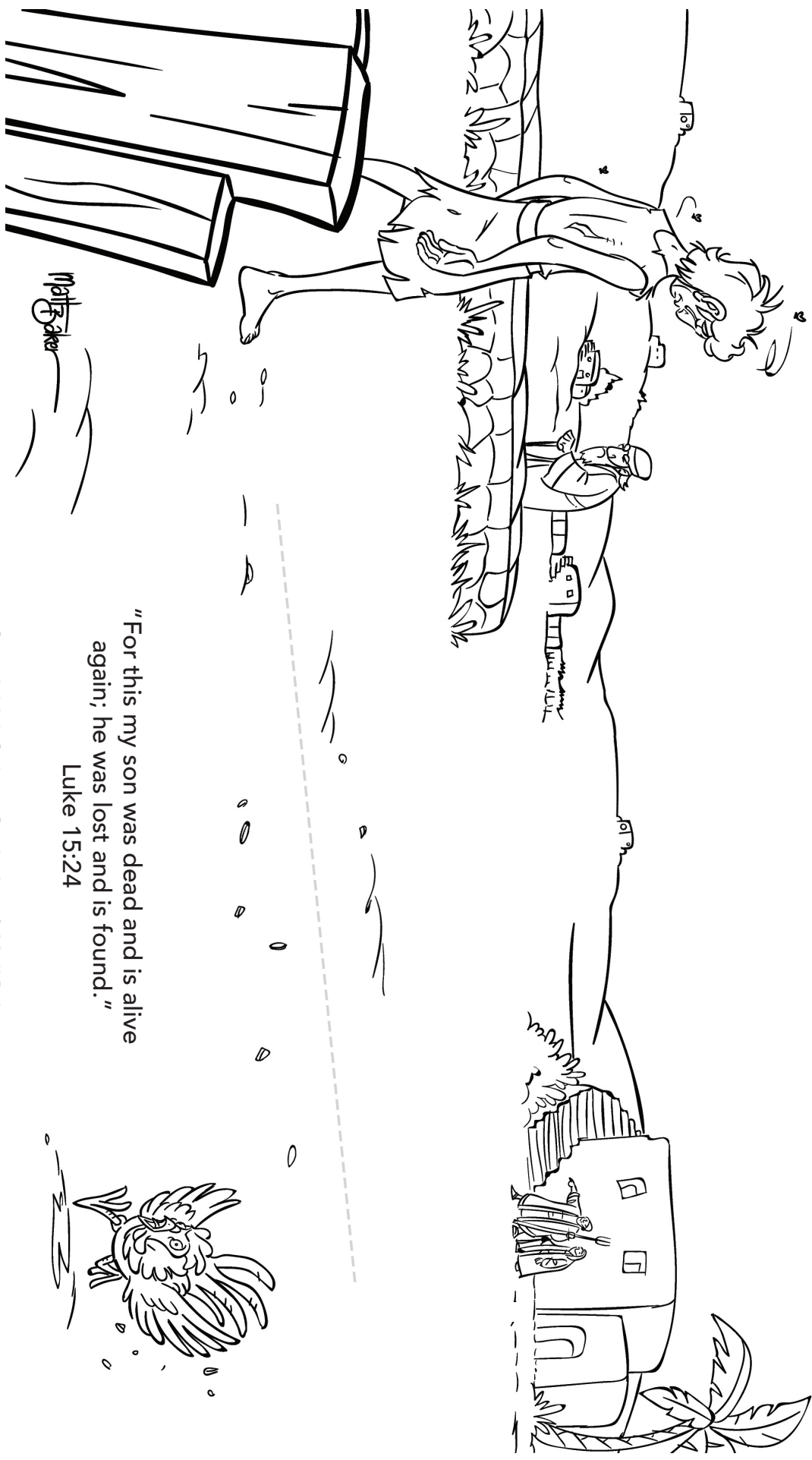
1. Allow children to color both the image of the father and the main craft page.
2. After they have colored, help children tape **OR** glue the father image to wooden craft stick (popsicle stick).
3. Children will be able to put "popsicle stick father" through the cut opening, pretending that the father is running to his son.



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