

WELCOME HOME

The story of the prodigal son



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR EDUCATORS

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This Bible story teaching pack is titled “Welcome home: The story of the prodigal son”. This is the retelling of the story of the prodigal son in the bible. We explained that the younger son left home with all his inheritance and travelled to a far country. After he carelessly spent all he had, there was a famine. He later went back home to his father who forgave him.

What does the story mean for kids? Kids will learn that God is our loving Father who forgives us whenever we confess our sins to Him.

The bible references for the story are as follows: Luke 15:11 – 24.

We ask that you take the time to prayerfully read the bible references provided and study the materials too. We pray “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him” (Ephesians 1:17)

We do not take for granted the call and ministry of training kids in a godly way – right from their childhood. “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

We do not underestimate the potentials for kids to understand and store God’s word in their hearts from their early age. “And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”

(2 Timothy 3:15).

Ultimately, we do not underestimate the power and will of God to bring these children into an enduring relationship with Him. But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14).

This is our desire, hope and joy – that each child might come to experience love and grace in Jesus as they understand His words.

In this Bible story teaching pack, you have the following:

1. Story book/cards.

You will get a book or a pack of large cards depending on how you print yours. This is the section that contains the retelling of the story of the prodigal son. There are words and pictures to hold the attention of the children.

2. Conversation cards

These cards will provide some questions for you to explore with the kids. Encourage them to explore the story and lessons from the story of the prodigal son using the questions in these cards. Use these cards in a group activity. You will be amazed at what you find out.

3. Story starter cards

Each of these cards contains a story prompt or beginning sentence and a corresponding picture to help kids retell the story of the prodigal son in their own words. Use these cards in a group activity. They will feel confident that they can tell the story and even go on to tell their friends and families. Are you a parent? You will enjoy listening to your child retelling this story.

4. Memory verse and prayer cards

Print these memory verse cards and ask the children to recite them a few times after the study. Then, ask them to take them home, so they can learn to recite the verses during the week. You can quickly ask them to recite the verse before the next study in the following week.

A prayer card is also provided – please use this only as a guide. The goal is for each child to be able to use their own words while praying to God.

5. Quiz cards

Questions are provided in the quiz cards. The questions are related to the study; thus, you can assess their understanding in this group activity.

6. Crossword puzzle
Print the puzzle to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the puzzle sheet.
7. Maze
Print the maze to be used as assignment or solved after the study.
8. Word search
Print the word search to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the word search sheet.
9. Word scramble
Print the word scramble sheet and get the kids to unscramble the words. A list of words is provided to make this quick, easy, and fun. If you are using with an older kid, you might want to cut out the word-list section and get them to unscramble the words without using the wordlist.
10. Learn and colour
Another activity aimed at emphasizing the study as kids interact with the pictures and the words.

Please note that the instructions are generic to educators. You know your child/children best; so, feel free to adapt the contents as relevant to the different age groups you are teaching.

We hope you will find these resources useful in your homes, classes, churches, or any other location where you teach children the word of God.

We welcome any feedback you might have about using these resources. Please send an email to contact@godlypearls.com or reach out to us through our [Facebook page](#).

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Welcome home: The story of the prodigal son.

A title in the *Bible story teaching pack* by Godly Pearls

Bible References: Luke 15:11 -24

- ❖ *Discuss the story of the prodigal son from the Bible.*
- ❖ *Discuss lessons from the story and what it means for kids today. Some suggestions are provided in the main story.*
- ❖ *Engage kids in the various activities to reinforce the story and the lessons.*

This resource was designed for parents, Sunday School teachers, Kids club teachers, Christian educators, evangelists, missionaries, etc.

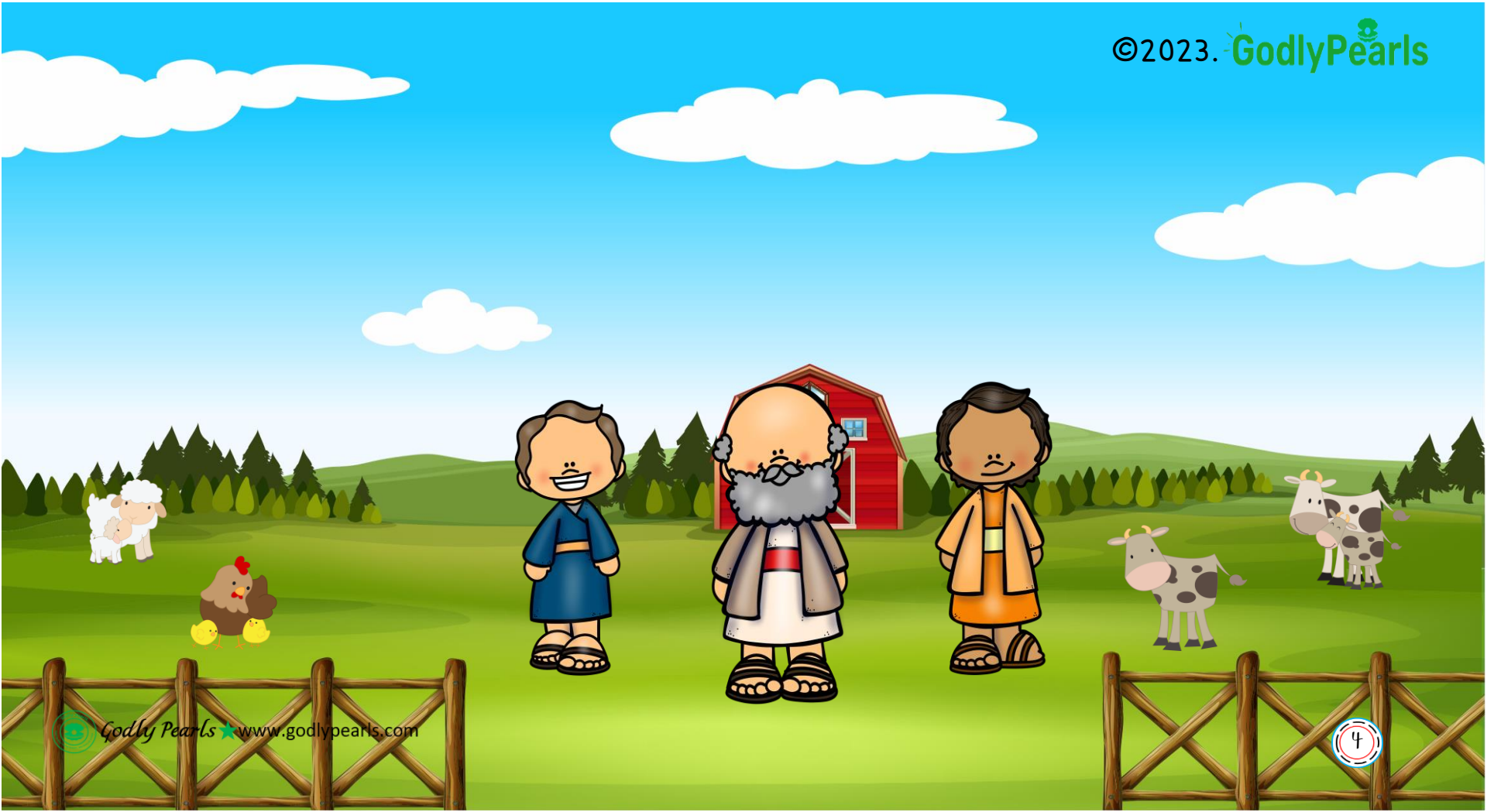
This is Jesus. Jesus loved to teach people using parables.
A parable is a short story that explains important lessons clearly.

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In the parable of the prodigal son, there was a man who had two sons. The father had lots of helpers who worked on the farm.

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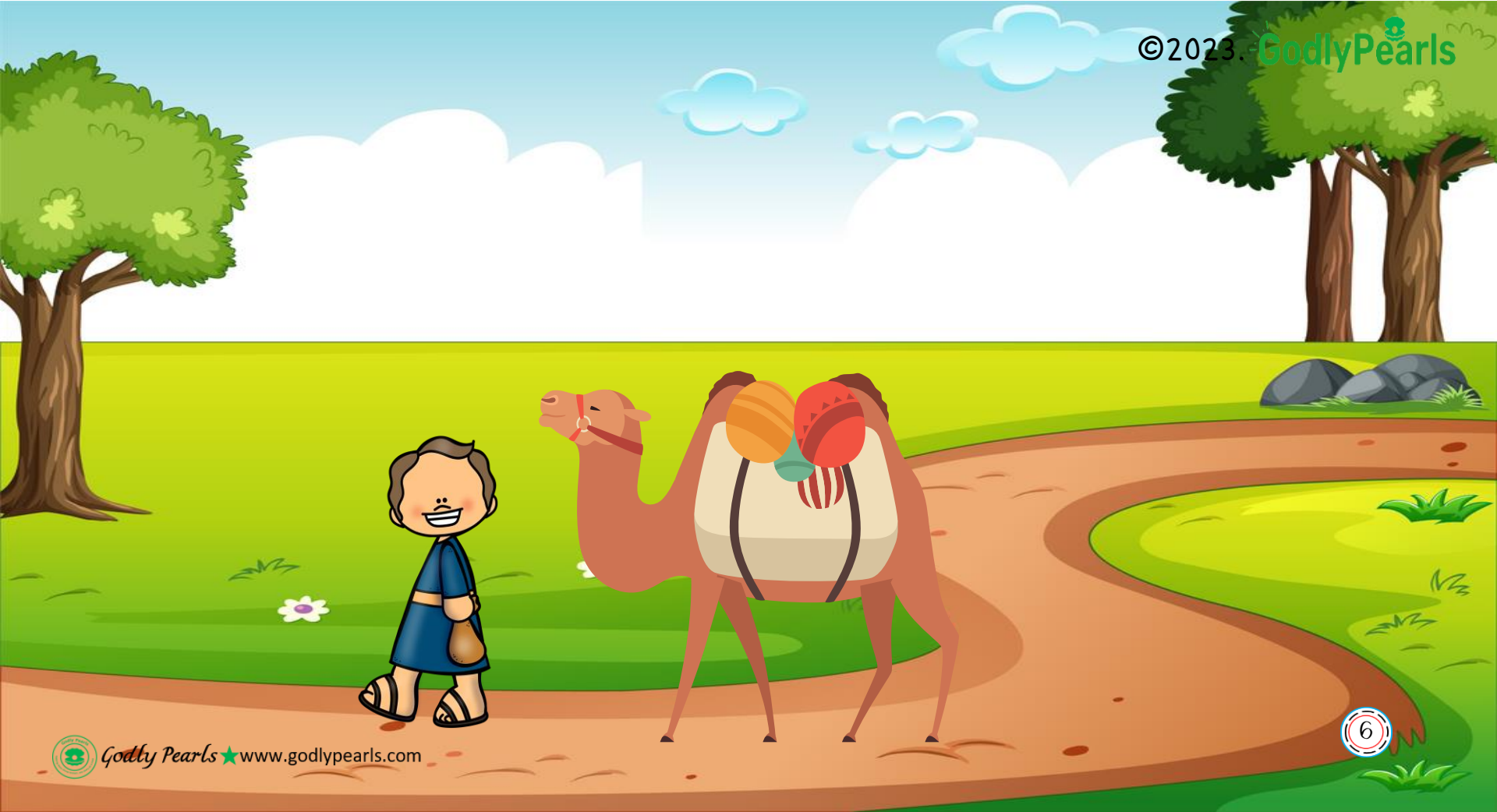


One day, the younger son said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that will be mine". So, the father divided his property between the older and younger son. Then, he gave the younger son his own share.

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After some time, the younger son took all his property, all that he had and travelled to a far country. He left his father and brother.



In the far country, the younger son spent all his money and wasted all his property. He had lots of parties and did not even think to keep some money for himself.

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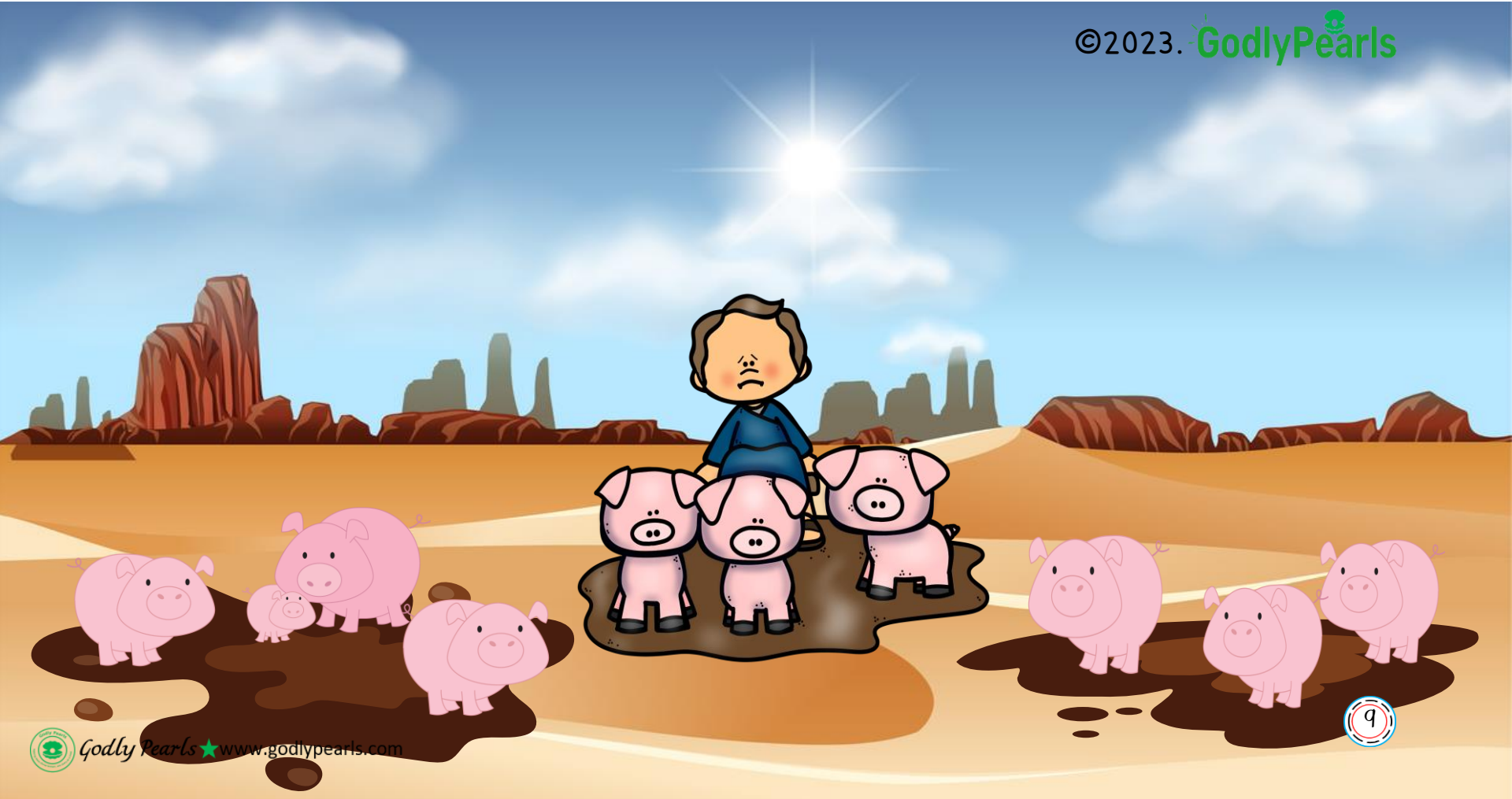
After he spent everything that he had, there was a great famine in the country. He did not have anything to eat. He had no money. He had no more friends. He was very lonely.

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He went to meet a man who had a farm in the country.
The man sent him to work on his farm. He was asked to feed his pigs!

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He was so hungry that he wanted to eat the pigs' food – the corncobs, but no one would even give him any corncob to eat!

Then, he realised he had made a mistake leaving home. He thought to himself, "My father's helpers have more than enough to eat, but I am here starving to death! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your helpers."

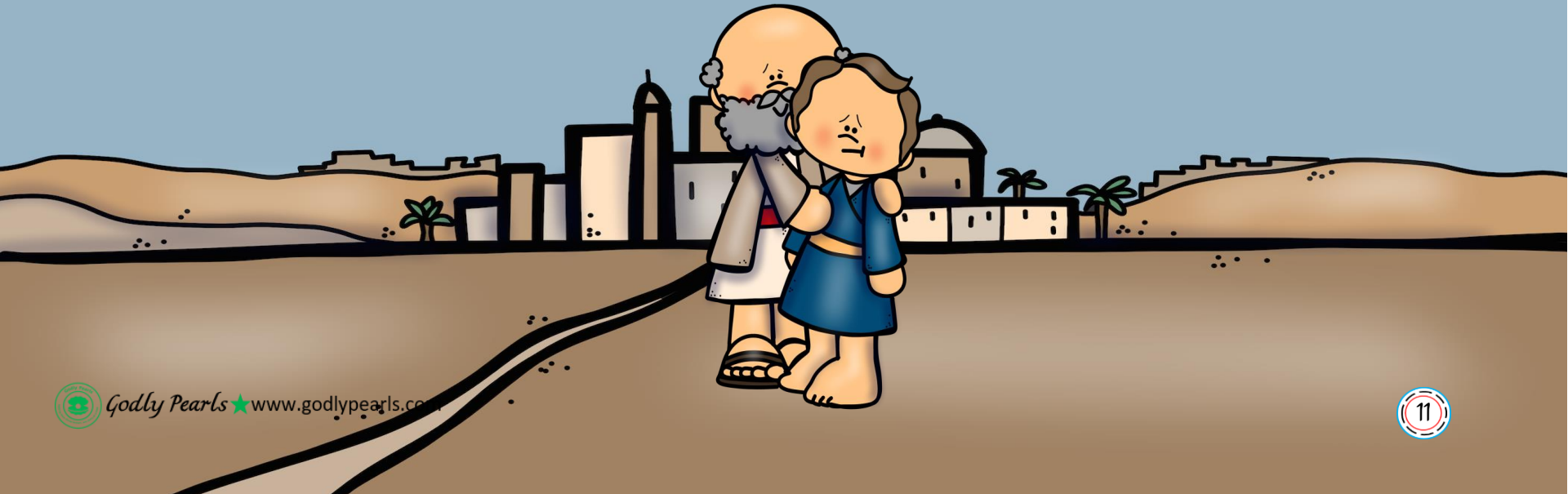
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Then, he rose and started the journey back home to meet his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and had compassion on him. He ran to meet him, hugged and kissed him. He asked the helpers to prepare a big meal. "We are having a party! My son is back, well and alive! Let us eat and celebrate!"

The loving father forgave the younger son. He welcomed him back home.

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God is like the
loving father who
forgave the
younger son.
God loves us
very much.



When we
confess our
sins, God
forgives us.



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QUIZ CARDS

What is the meaning of a parable?

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In this story, how many sons did the father have?

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What did the younger son ask his father to give him?

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Where did the younger son go after he got his share of property?

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What did the younger son do with his share of property?

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What happened after he wasted all that he had?

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Why did the younger son work on a farm?

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How did the younger son feel working on a farm and feeding pigs?

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When the father saw his younger son returning home, what did he do?

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1

The younger son...



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2

Then he went...



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3

Later, there was a...



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4

He worked on...



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5

He was very...



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6

He went back...



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CONVERSATION CARDS

How does your parents/guardians show that they love you?

1

Do you find it hard to say sorry when you hurt someone ?

2

Has anyone forgiven you before?
How does it feel to be forgiven?

3

When you find out that you made a wrong choice, what can you do?

4



I CAN MEMORIZE

~~~~~  
"Yes, I have loved  
you with an  
everlasting love;  
Therefore, with  
lovingkindness I  
have drawn you".

Jeremiah 31 : 3

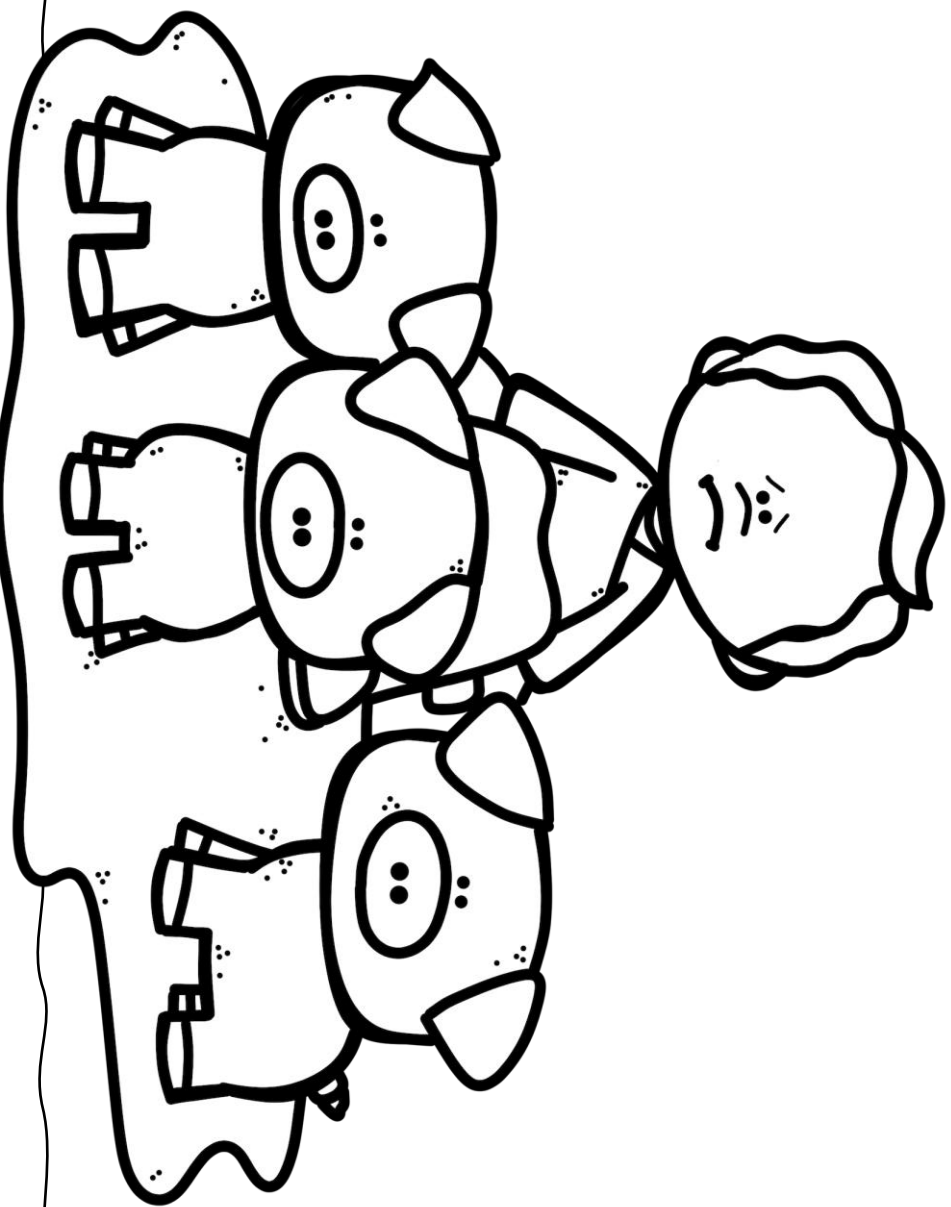


## I CAN PRAY

~~~~~  
Dear God, thank You
because you love me
so much. I know I am
a sinner. Please
forgive me my sins in
Jesus' name.

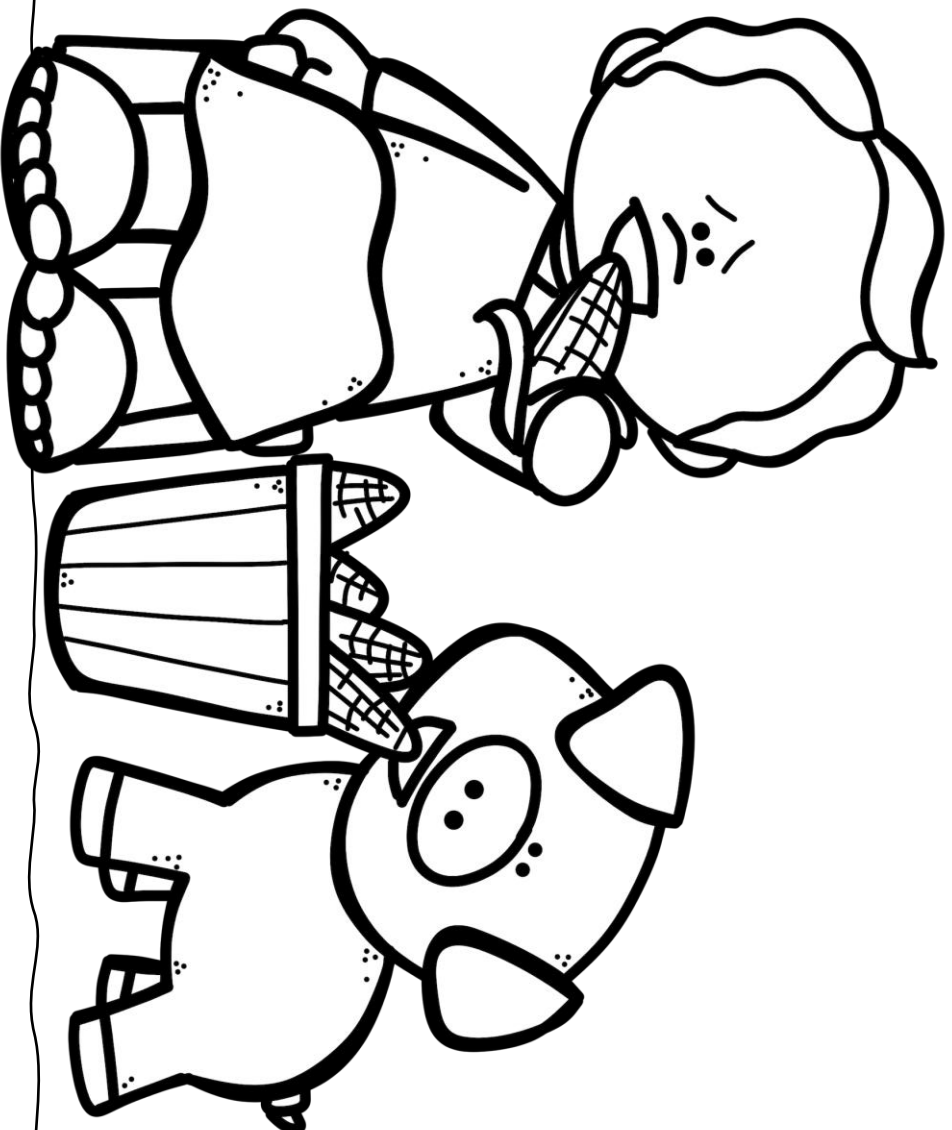
Amen.

Name:



“The younger son had nothing to eat.
He started working on a farm, feeding pigs!.

Name:



The younger son was so hungry he wanted to eat
cornucob's, but no one gave him any cornucob to eat.

Name:



When the younger son went back home, his loving father forgave him.

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Word Search

Find and circle the words below

Name:

r	x	F	a	m	i	n	e	l	n
a	m	r	a	j	k	k	a	r	o
b	Y	m	e	u	b	g	y	m	i
C	o	o	g	h	i	v	i	g	s
o	u	n	u	d	t	q	b	F	s
u	b	k	o	n	f	a	m	i	a
n	u	r	q	m	g	h	F	e	p
t	P	r	l	l	h	e	h	l	m
r	t	l	c	s	l	f	r	d	o
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Younger
Father
Journey
Prodigal



Country
Fields
Famine
Compassion

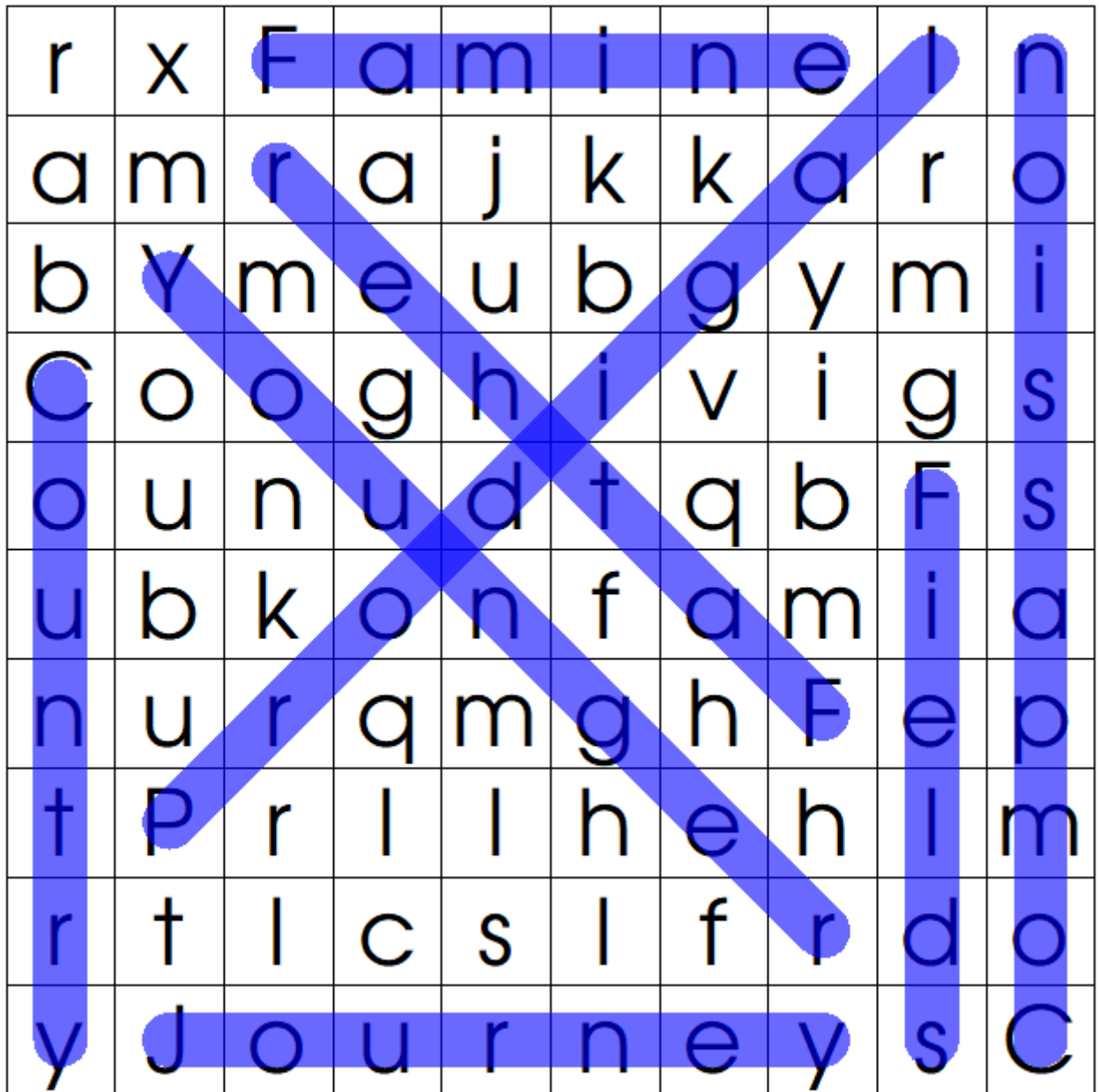
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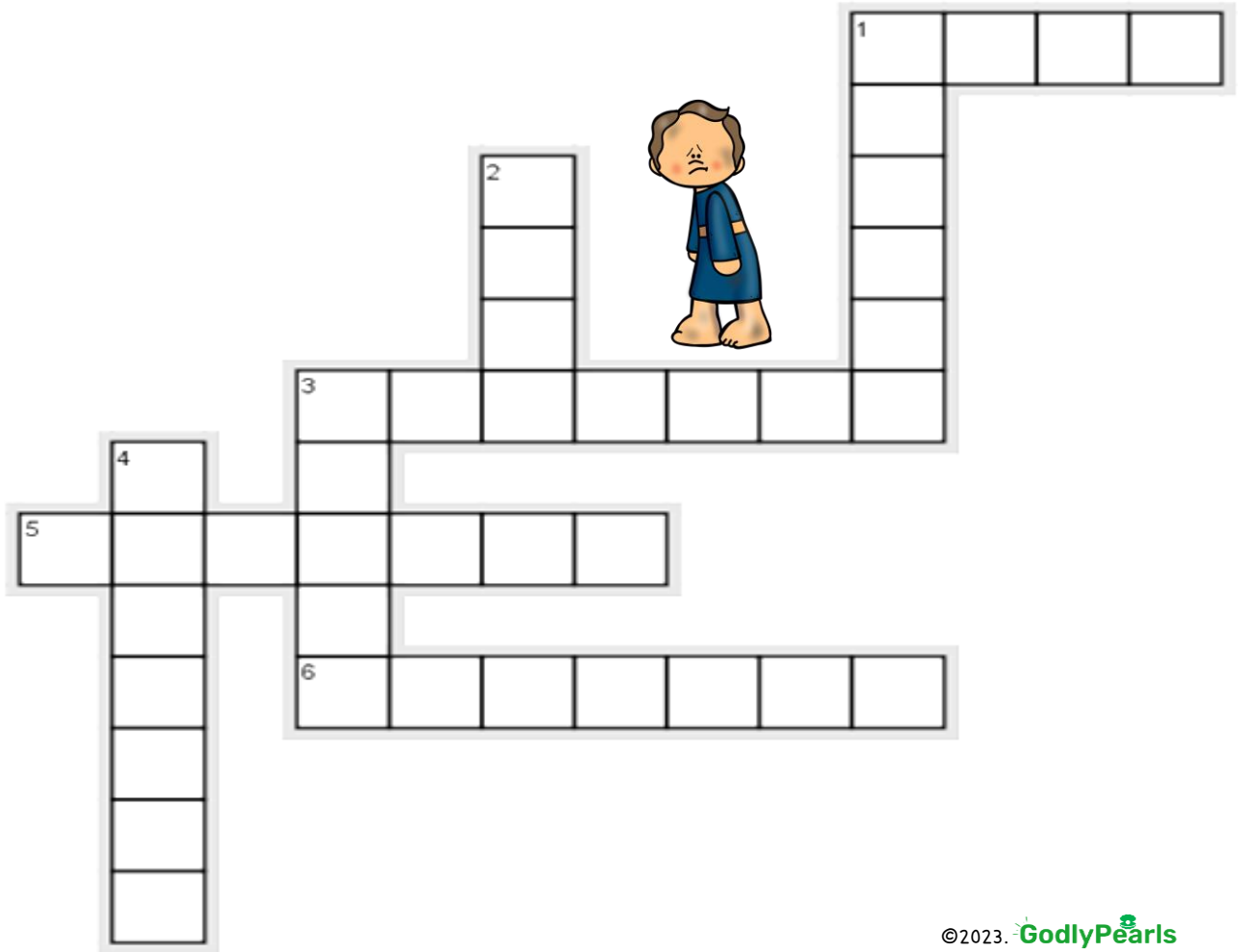
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Crossword Puzzle

Read each clue. Then, write the missing word in the puzzle.

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Across

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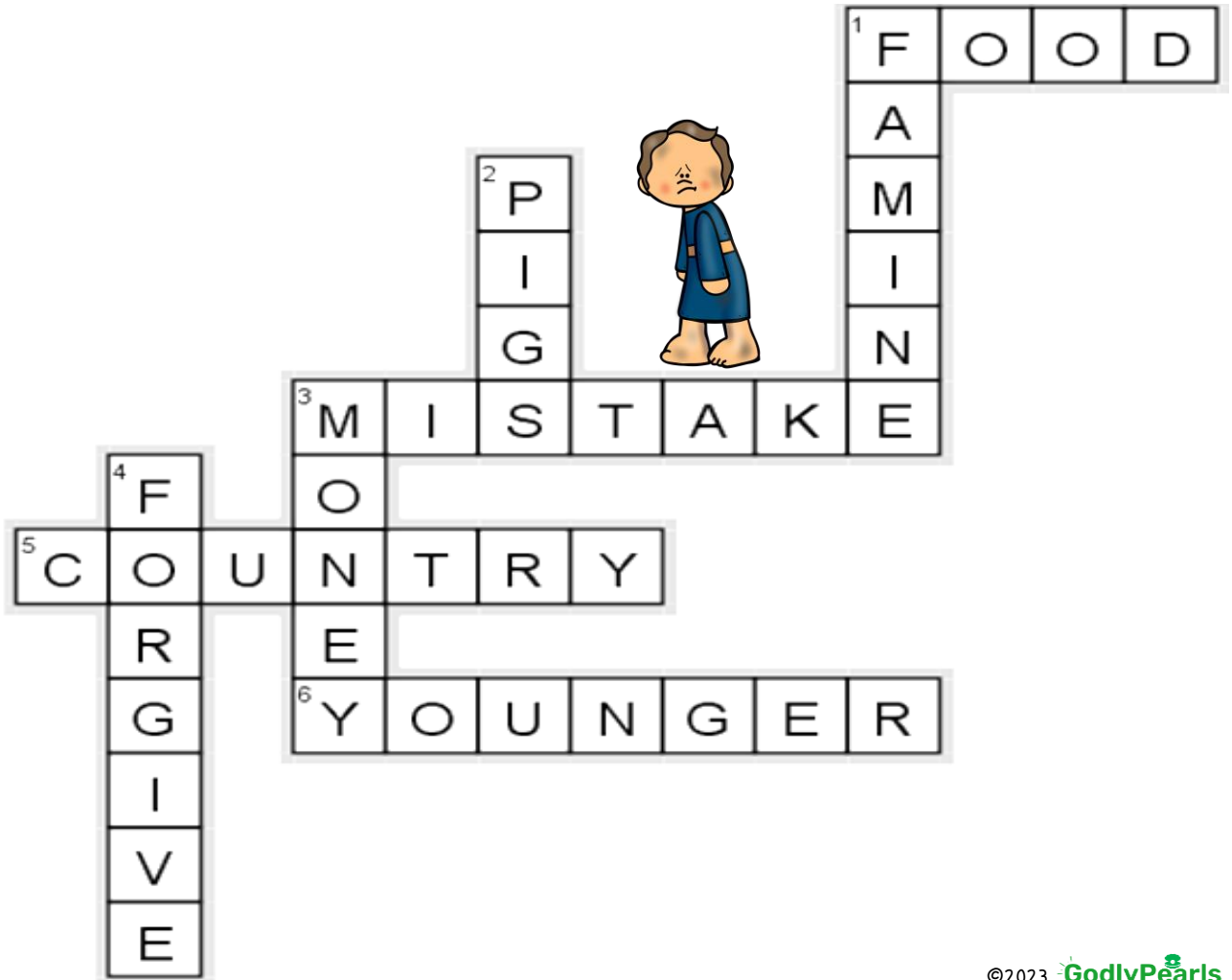
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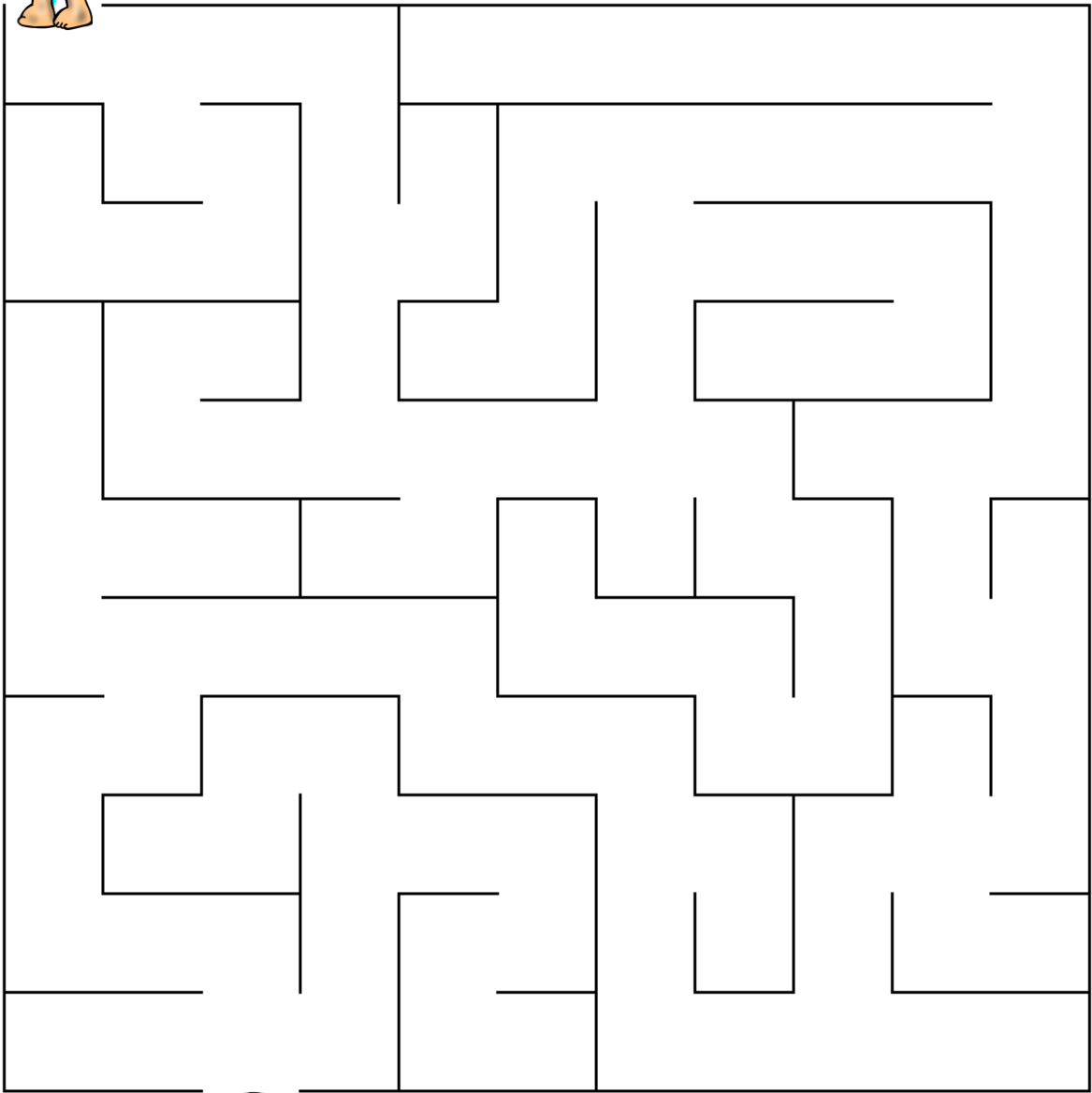
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Puzzle sheet

The prodigal son needs to get back home. Help him get back to his father!

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Word Scramble

Instruction: Unscramble the words below using clues from the word list

Name:

ERNSTVA

DSSEKI

GSIP

VLIEA

EDBAR

ERYRM

FDOUN

HEUNGR

Word list

Bread

Pigs

Found

Alive



Hunger

Merry

Kissed

Servant