

When his father saw him, he was delighted.

He ran to his son, threw his arms around him, and welcomed him back into the family.

He threw a party to celebrate his son was alive and home.

Jesus said, "There is great rejoicing in heaven when people return to God."

# The Lost Son



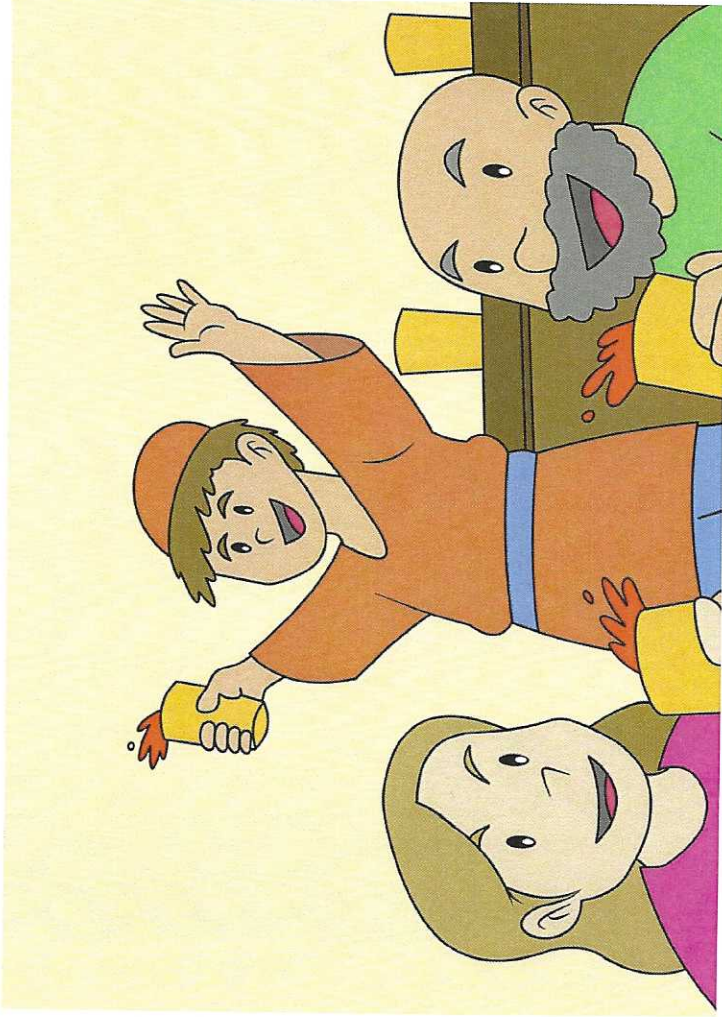
Jesus told a story about a father and his two sons.

One day, the younger son asked his father for half of his things.

He wanted to leave his family and do whatever he wanted in a distant place.

This made his father sad, but he did what he wanted.



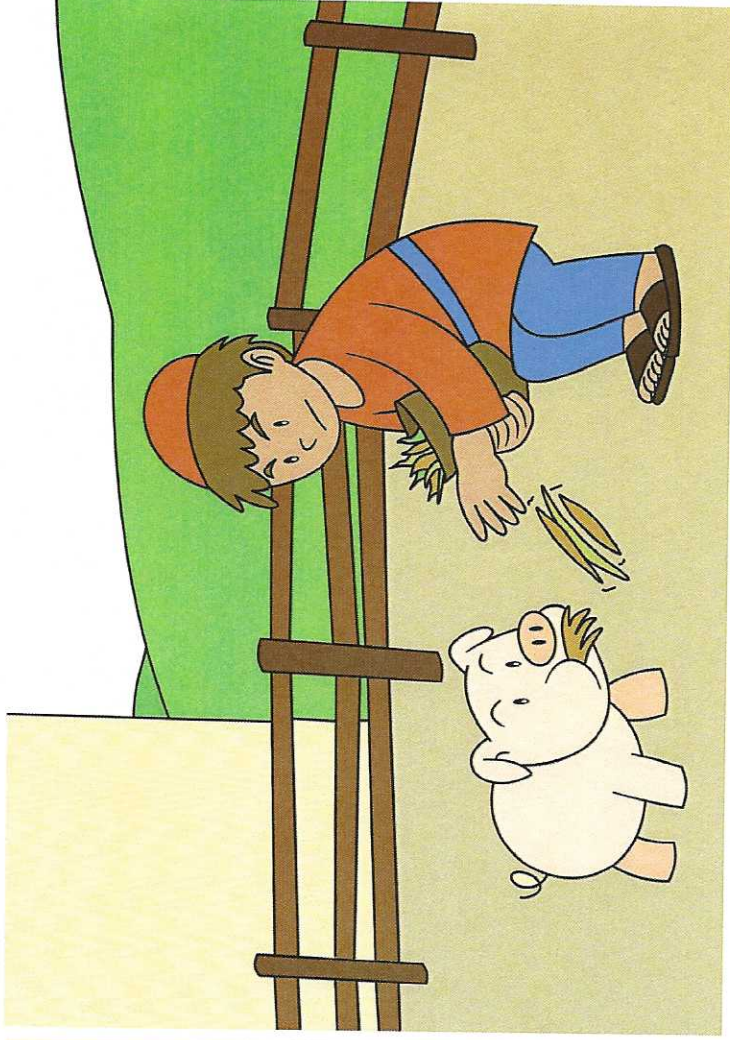


The son was so happy!

He did everything he wanted.

He bought new clothes, went to parties, and made new friends.

But soon, his money ran out, and his new friends forgot all about him.



The son found a job feeding pigs.

He was so hungry. He wanted to eat the pig's food.

He thought, "I have been so silly."

I am going to go back to my father and say sorry.

I will ask him if I can be his servant.



# Games and Activities

## Pig snorting

You will need at least three people to play this game, but the more people, the better. Choose one person to face the wall.

Behind them, one person should make the sound of a pig. The person facing the wall must guess who is making the noise.



## Race back

Mark a starting line. Have your children slowly walk away from the line until you shout "Home." They should race back as quickly as possible.

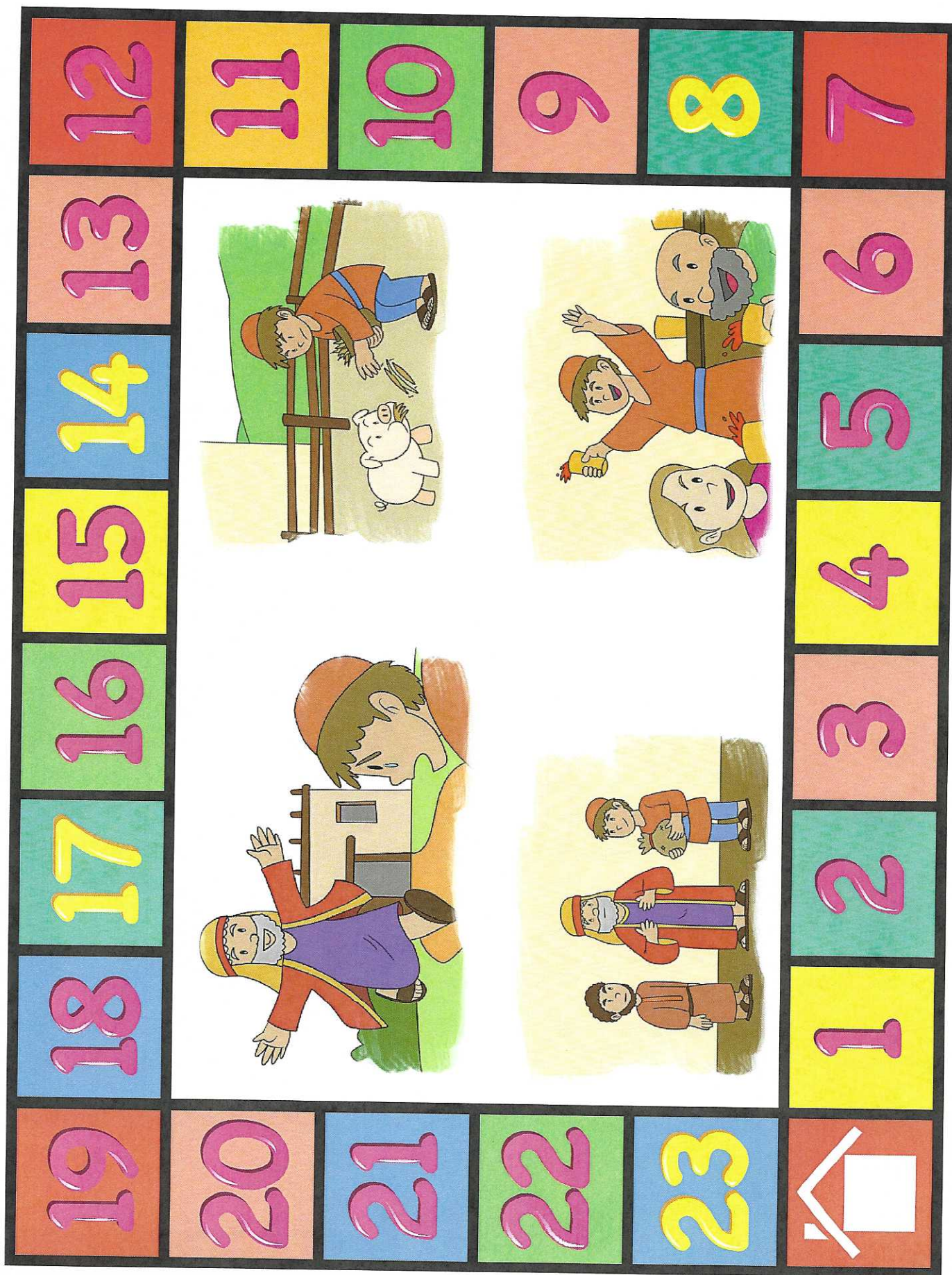
Remind them how God wants people to return to him quickly.

## Board Game

In this week's lesson, there is a page for a board game. Use small objects as markers. Roll dice and make your way through the prodigal son's story and back to the father. Review the story as you play.



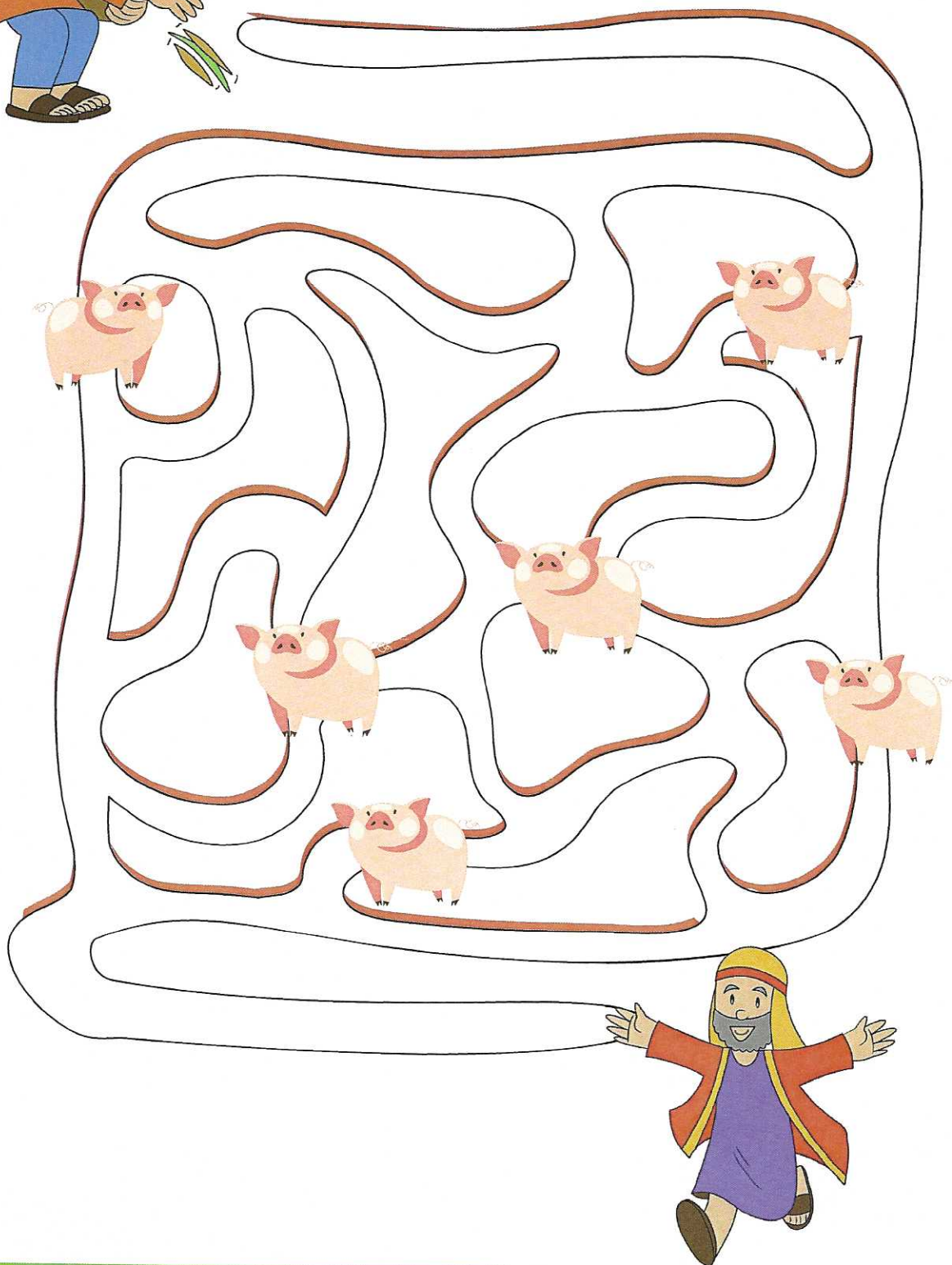








Help the son find his way back to his Father





# Welcome Home Sign



## What you need

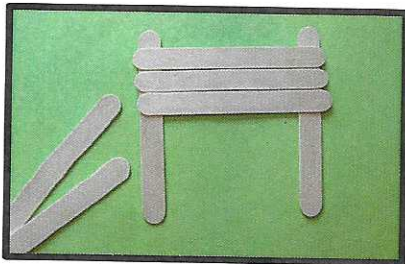
Ten Lollipop sticks (or use card and skip step 1)

Glue

Pens

Ribbon

## What to do



Glue lollipop sticks together to make a sign as shown in the picture. Allow to dry.



Decorate your welcome home sign any way you want.



Glue or tape on ribbon to hang.

