

Lesson Play Activities

1. Heart Hopscotch Activity:

Prepare: With chalk draw a hopscotch pattern on the sidewalk or driveway. Add hearts in all the squares and write in the words 'God, Loves, Me'.

Say: "This month we're learning that God loves me. In fact, that's what it says right here on these hearts (pointing as you read) God loves me. Let's take turns! One at time, I want you to hop along the path and say, 'God loves me.'"

Wrap up Activity:

Say: "Great hopping! Tell me, who loves you? God loves me! Yes, He does! Today, we heard a story Jesus told about a guy who learned that God loved him no matter what!

2. Path Activity:

Prepare: Give your child a "Path" Activity Page (see below) and crayons. Invite them to color the Activity Page. Optional: Help the child tape the "Boy" cut-out to the top of a craft stick. Cut a slit along the path on the activity page and place the bottom of the craft stick through the slit to move the boy along the path.

Say: "The boy in our Bible story today made some bad choices but came home to his father. His father still loved him even though he made bad choices."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (Give each child an Activity Page.) "This is like the path that the boy traveled home to his father. Use your crayons to color the grass and the trees. (Do activity.) Great job! Now, we will make the boy so he can go home to his father." (Finish activity.)

Wrap up Activity:

Say: "Your crafts are so cool! The boy can go down the path to his father (demonstrate). The father still loved his son no matter what he did. Just like God will always love us no matter what! Who loves you? God loves me!"

Lesson Questions and Memory verse

Lesson Questions:

1. What happened in the story Jesus told about the boy and his Dad? (allow time for your child to share what they can remember from the story. Remind them of any important details they missed)
2. Why did Jesus tell this story? (He wanted us to know that God's love for us is always there no matter what we have done wrong.)
3. Who loves you no matter what you do? (God does!)

Memory Verse: *Memory verse visual is attached below.

Say: “Our Bible verse tells us that God loves you SO much, nothing at all can ever separate you from His love!”

Do: (Help your child find the verse in a Bible.)

Say: “The verse says: ‘Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love,’ Romans 8:39.”

Do: (Close Bible and lay it down.)

Say: “That means God will never, ever, ever, stop loving you! That is the BEST news! Let’s stand up and say that together with the motions. I don’t want us to ever forget it.”

“Nothing at all (shake head and wave your arms in front of you)
can separate (lock your fingers together)
us from God’s (point up with both hands)
love (hug yourself).
Romans 8:39.” (Open your hands like a book.)

Wrap Up:

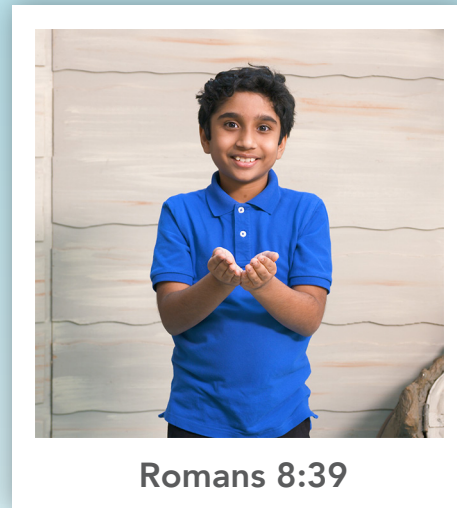
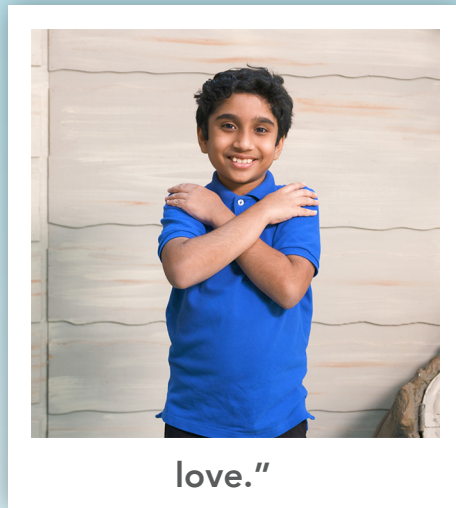
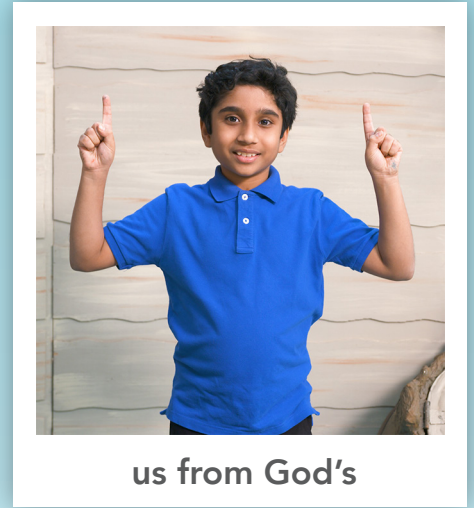
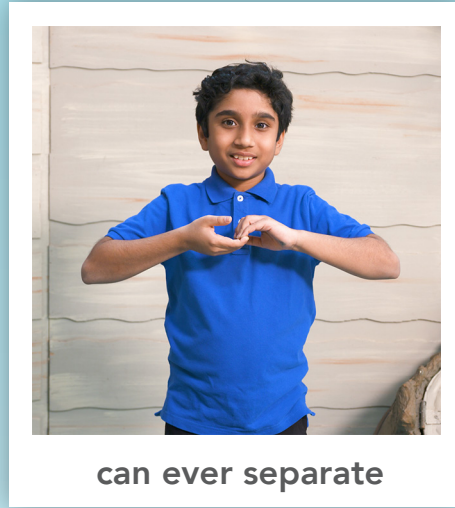
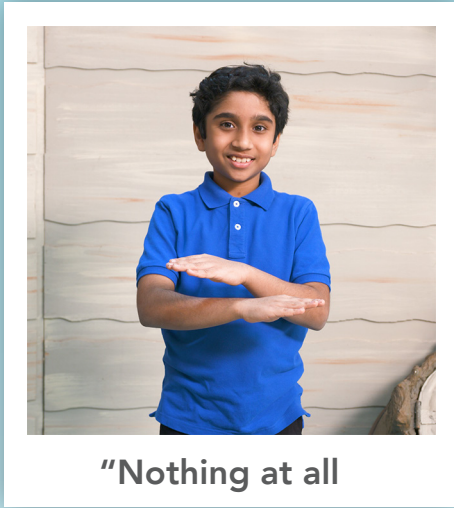
Say: Let’s pray and thank God for loving us so much. Would you like to pray before I pray?”

(Give your child a chance to pray the opportunity to do so.)

Prayer: “Dear God, thank You for loving (insert your child's name), and me, no matter what. We try to do what is right, but sometimes we mess up. It makes us feel so good to know that nothing at all can ever separate us from Your love. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

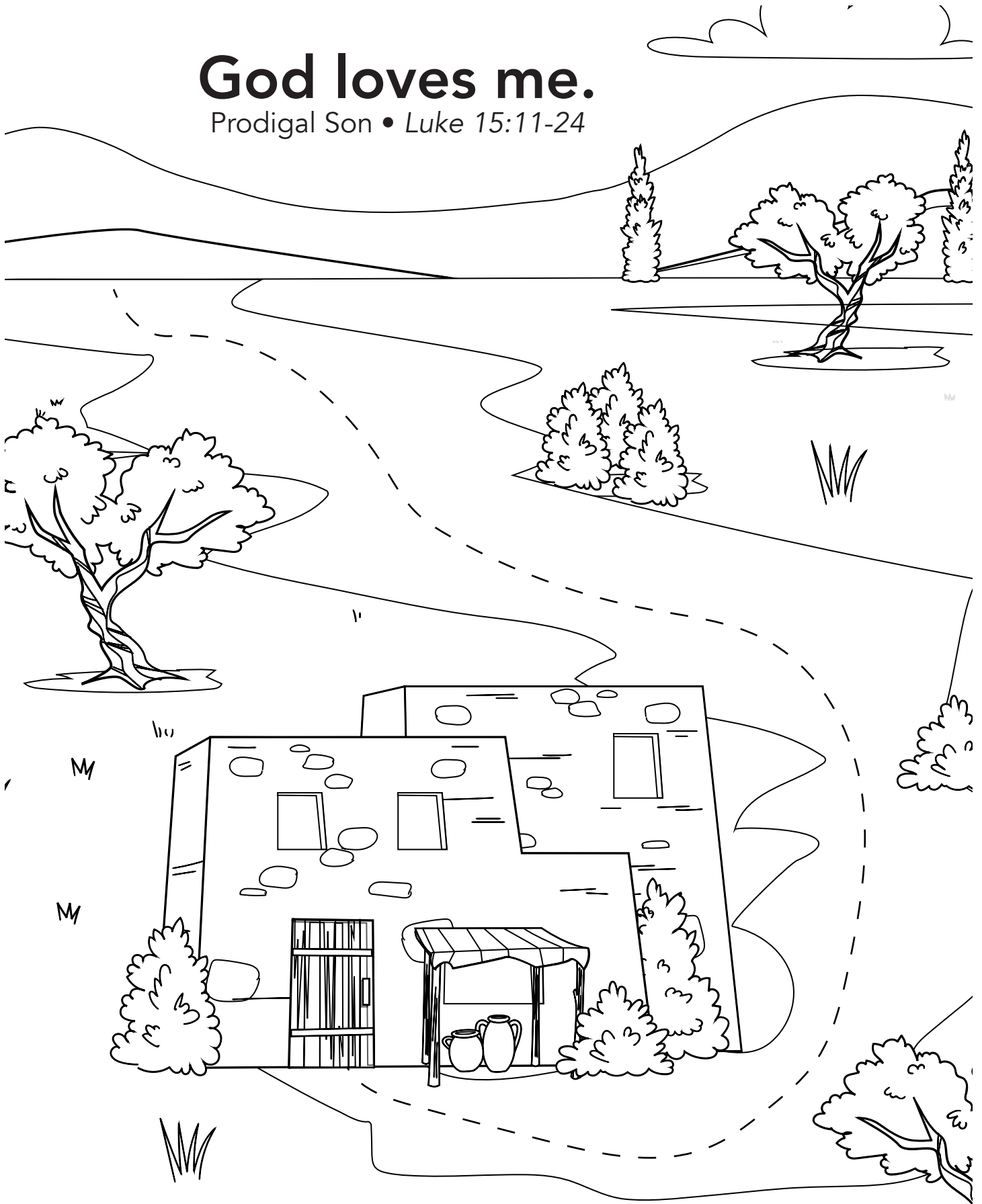
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Memory Verse Motions



God loves me.

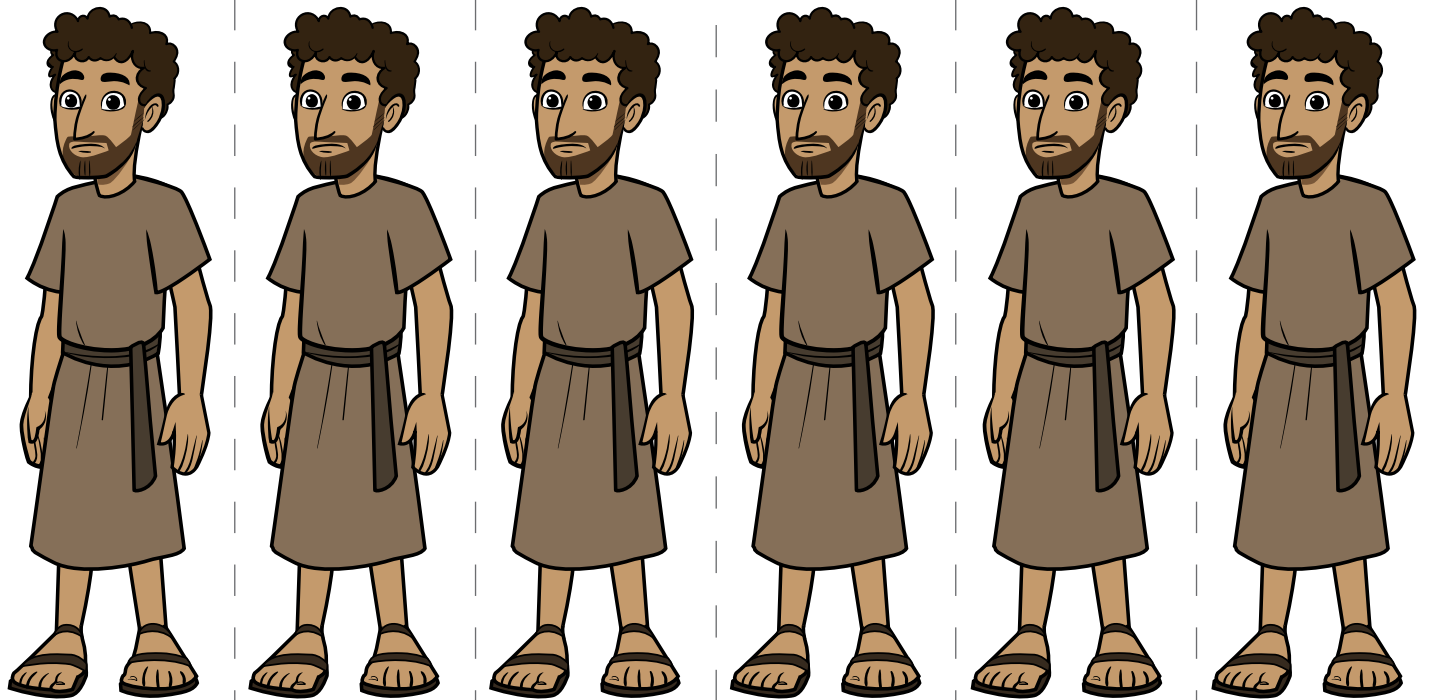
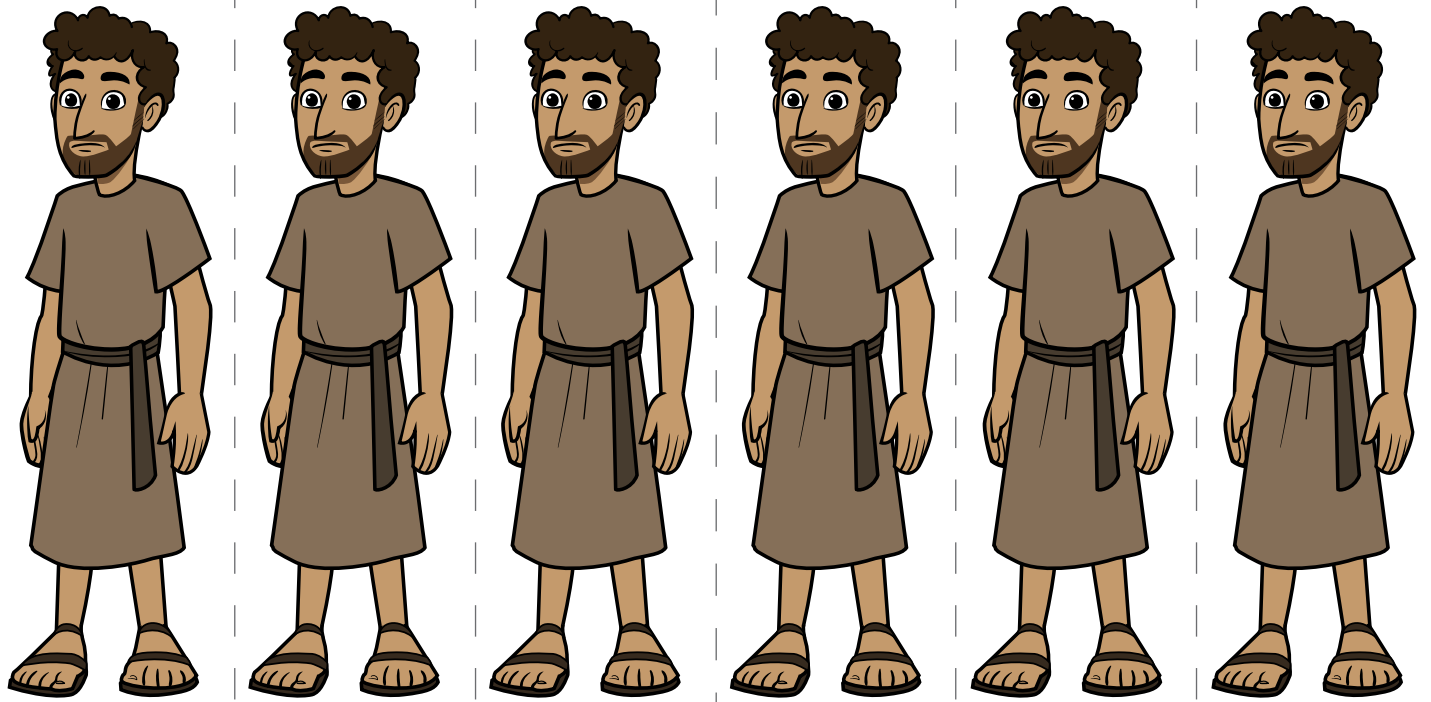
Prodigal Son • Luke 15:11-24



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WEEK THREE

LUKE 15:11-24

Jesus tells a story about a father and son to show us that God loves us, no matter what.



REMEMBER THIS:

“Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love.”
ROMANS 8:39, NIrV



SAY THIS:

Who loves you?
GOD LOVES ME.



DO THIS:



Cuddle with your child this month and pray, “Dear God, everywhere we look, we see wonderful ways that You love us. You made a beautiful world for us to live in. You listen to us when we talk to You. You are always with us. You give us yummy food to eat. You give us friends and family to help us. You are so, so good to us, God. Thank You for loving us like You do. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

BASIC TRUTH:

GOD LOVES ME.

HIGH HOPES

By Esther Gray

What do you want your family to look like or feel like 10-15 years from now?

As a parent, you get the extraordinary privilege, and incredible pressure, of creating your own family culture for your kids. When my husband and I started our parenting journey, we decided to make some informal goals for our family (these are not written anywhere, but they could be). We like to revisit them every time an important decision comes up in our lives.

We ask ourselves these three things:

What kind of parent do we want our kids to have?

What kind of relationship do we want between our kids?

How do we want our family to react in times of stress?

These three things we knew we can work on! Three things, that even in the midst of the imperfection of everyday life, we can still learn and teach our kids. I wanted to create and maintain a culture for our family.

- We want to be the kind of parents who will listen, not judge, and not freak out at every little thing.
- We want to be the kind of parents who teach our boys how to deal with fear in a healthy way.

- We want to be parents who will love no matter WHAT.
- We want to be parents who do not “fight” in front of the kids.
- We want to be parents who express our love to each other at home.
- We want our kids to have the best relationships. Although we do not have complete control over this, we want to make sure we always encourage, love, and respect each other.
- And lastly, we try to help our kids to trust God no matter how hopeless a situation may seem.

These things we continue to work on for our family. We have realized that when we make decisions based on these things, we work towards a family that 10-15 years from now will love each other, will trust each other, and will trust God no matter what.

What are your goals for your family?



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