

Stanmore Chapel Sunday School

The Prodigal Son: Luke 15:11-32

The prodigal son couldn't wait to get his hands on his inheritance.
After his Father had given him his share, off he went to a distant
country with all his money...

How did he spend his money?
(Scribble out the wrong answer, colour in the right one.)

Being smart and looking after it



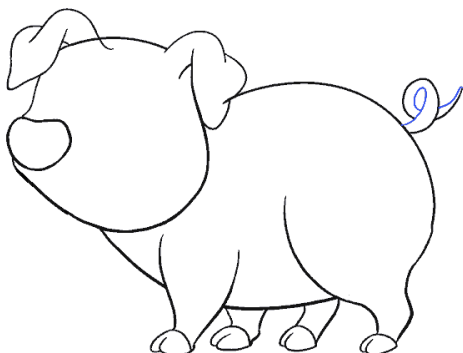
Being silly and wasting it all



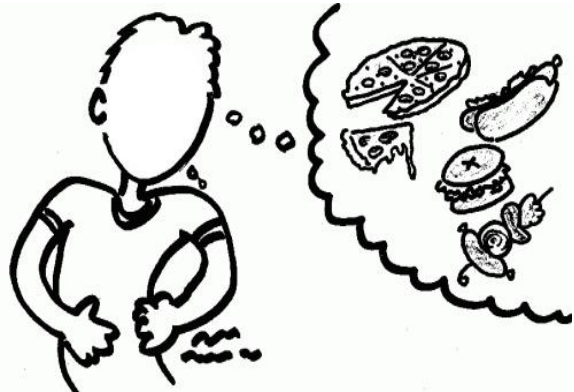
There was a famine in the land so he had to take the only job he found.
His job was looking after the pigs (ewww! And to Jewish people, like
the son, pigs are extra unclean!). Because of the famine, everyone in
the land was going hungry...except the pigs eating their pods!!!

How do you think the young man and the pigs felt: (Draw their faces)

Lots of food



No food



Even the food for the pigs was starting to look delicious – but he wasn't allowed to eat it, he had to feed the pigs instead.

He said to himself, even the servants back home have plenty of food. I will go and say sorry to my father, and beg him to hire me as a servant so that I can eat. So he got up and went back to his father.

For the next section, cross out the incorrect word:

"But while he was still a long way off, his **(father/dog)** saw him and was filled with **(hatred/compassion)** for him; he ran to his son, threw his **(arms/fishing net)** around him and kissed him.

"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your **(son/pig)**.'

"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best **(robe/toilet paper)** and put it on him. Put a **(ring/plaster)** on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the **(golden/fattened)** calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was **(dead/on holiday)** and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to **(celebrate/mourn)**."

Draw or write the responses of:

The Father and his household		The older brother	
V24		V28	

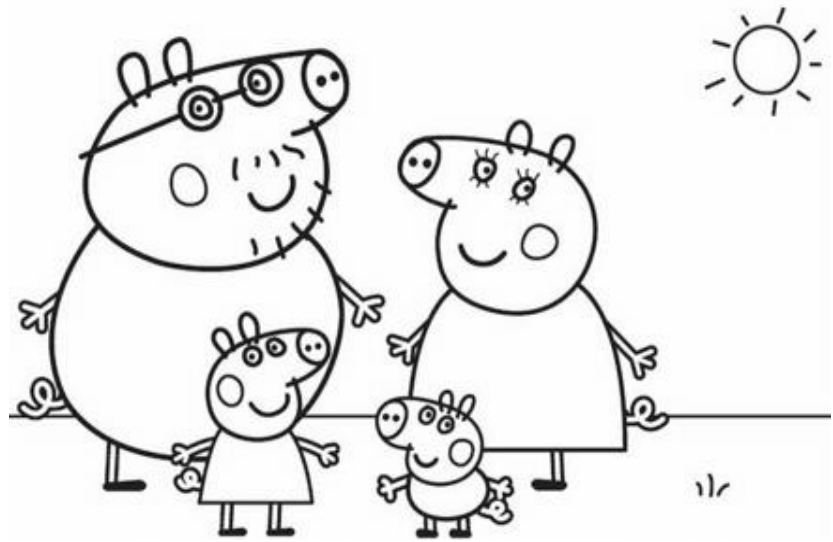
But what was the Father's response to the older brother? Use the codex below to complete the verse:

My son,' the father said, 'you are (αλΓαΞσ)_____ with me, and everything I have is (ΞωΛρσ)_____. But we had to (ΨπλΠΦρσδΠ)_____ and be glad, because this (ΦρωδηΠρ)_____ of yours was dead and is (αλζθΠ)_____ again; he was lost and is found (φωΛβΔ)_____.

Luke Ch.15 v.31-32

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Chat with your parents/caregiver

- If you managed to get hold of a lot of your parents/caregivers money, and spent it all on sweets and toys and things that would soon run out/get broken, how do you think they would feel? (Why don't you ask them.)

**God – who is our Father in heaven, hates it when we don't do what he says!
God says that when we disobey him we are lost, like this prodigal Son.**

- If when we don't do what our God wants, we are just like the prodigal son, can you think of ways we disobey God? (Hint - disobeying your parents is also disobeying God)

But Jesus says that when people ask for forgiveness and come to him, God our Father is SOO happy he celebrates just like the Father in this story, isn't that wonderful news!!!

I think we should pray in response. Ask for forgiveness from God, and thank him for being a loving father that wants us to come to Him.

Explorers Supplementary page

Have a think/chat with your parents/caregiver

- Do you think it is ***fair*** that the prodigal son was given so much when he came home?

It can be tempting to side with the older brother in the story can't it? But we need to remember that when it comes to God, we are **ALL** like the prodigal son, we have all 'sinned against heaven' and squandered God's inheritance.

- Can you think of ways in which we have sinned against God like the prodigal son? (I think we find it easy to want lots of material things NOW)

But if we repent, and ask for forgiveness, God our Father celebrates just like the Father in this story, isn't that wonderful news!!!

- How do you feel about God showing **US** so much mercy and welcoming us back with open arms even when we have wronged him so much?
- How do you think we should respond to such wonderful forgiveness?

I think we should pray, and repent of our sins, and thank God for being such a loving Heavenly Father.

Prodigal Son

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Sandals	Ring	Found	Lost
Jesus	Parable	Luke	Bible
Servant	Swine	Famine	Calf
Robe	Father	Brother	Prodigal
Son			