

# Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-24



## Go Back Home (Movement Activity)

**Materials Needed:** Floor tape (optional)

Place a long piece of tape on the floor of one side of your room (or use something to represent a home base). Have your child line up on the tape facing you. Tell your child that the line is home base. Ask your child to do movements in different quantities toward you (for example: two hops, three giant steps, etc.). Suggested movements: baby steps, giant steps, kangaroo jumps, hops, skips, and twirls. Once your child is almost to you, shout, “Go home,” and encourage your child to run back to the taped line. Repeat the activity several times. Be sure to change the quantities and order of movements...be creative 😊!

*After the Activity, say: **Great job! That was so much fun! That’s what happened in today’s Bible story. The son had gone away from his father and made a lot of wrong choices. He got sad and lonely and decided to go back to his father. When he did, his father was waiting with a big hug! His father still loved him and was so happy to see him! That’s the way Jesus loves everyone, and He will be waiting when they come back to him. We should love people the way Jesus does. Let’s pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help us love people the way that Jesus does.***

## Path (Craft)

**Materials Needed:**

- 1 “Path” Activity Page, printed on cardstock, if available. Use a craft blade or a pair of scissors to carefully cut a slit along the dotted-line path
- 1 “Boy” cut-out, printed on cardstock, if available.
- Crayons
- 1 craft stick (or ruler)
- tape

Give your child a “Path” and “Boy” Activity Page and crayons. Invite your child to color the Activity Page and “Boy” cutout.

When he/she is finished, help him/her tape the “Boy” cut-out to the top of a craft stick. Place the bottom of the craft stick through the slit and help the children move the boy along the path.

Retell the story using the “Path” activity page.

***After the activity, Say: Your craft is so cool! The boy can go down the path to his father. The father still loved his son and was so happy to see him! This craft reminds God loves us! Even if we make bad choices. If we believe in Jesus, we can come to God and ask for forgiveness. And, guess what, He will forgive us! God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus, and no matter what mistakes we make He still love us. Just like the father in our story today.***



# God loves me.

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