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Jesus Says, “Ask God to Forgive You”

There was a man who had two sons. The younger son came to his father and said, “Give me my share of the family money now.”

The father agreed, and the younger son took his share and left home. He wasted his money on wild living and soon had nothing left.

The younger son took a job feeding pigs in the fields. He was very hungry, but no one gave him anything to eat. He even thought of eating the seedpods he fed the pigs!

One day he said, “I will go back home to my father. I will tell him I have done wrong. I have sinned against God and against him. I do not

deserve to be treated like a son. I will ask my father to make me one of his hired workers.”

The father saw his son walking home and ran to meet him. He threw his arms around his son and kissed him. “Father, I am sorry for what I have done,” the younger son cried. “I have sinned against God and against you.”

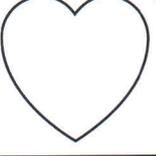
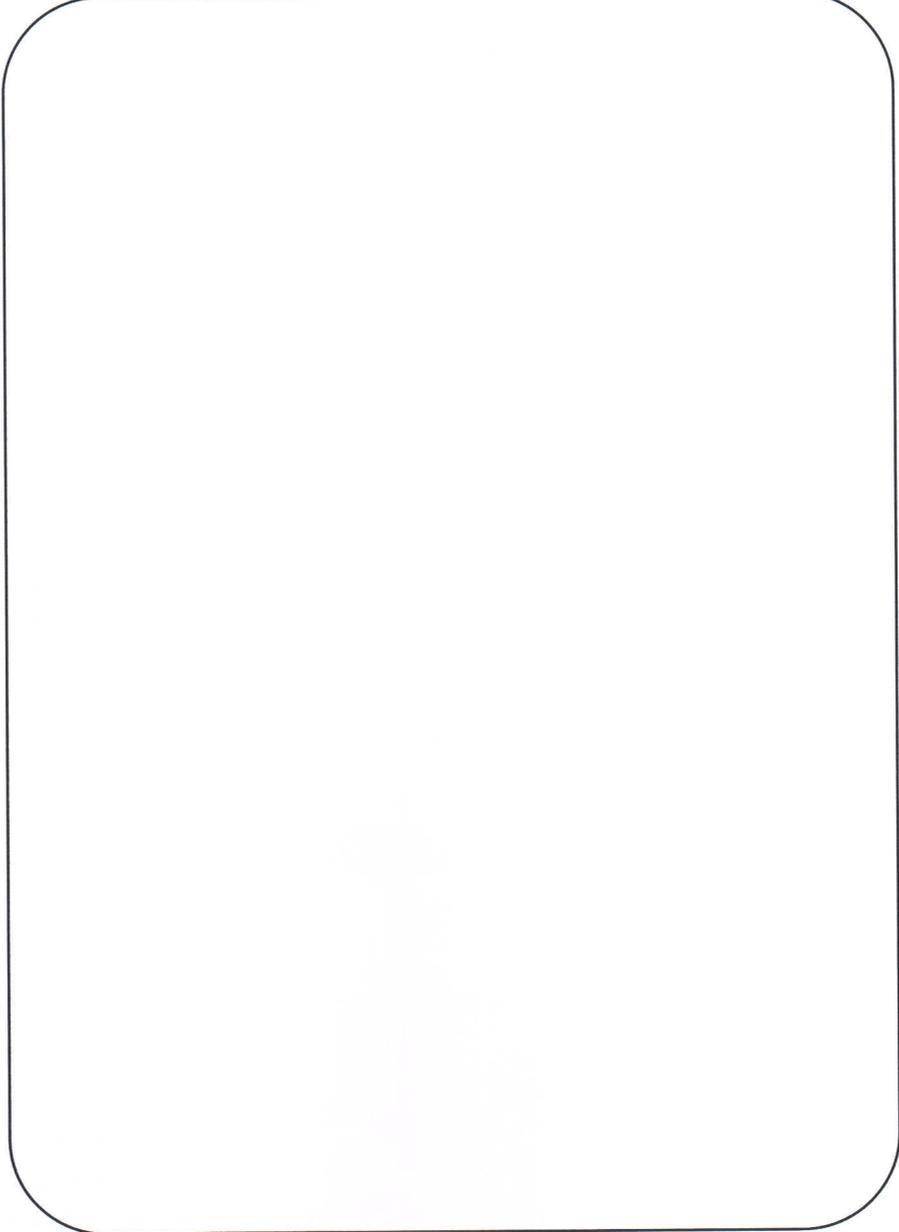
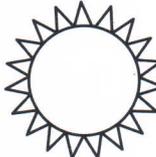
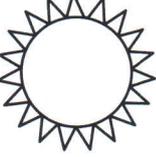
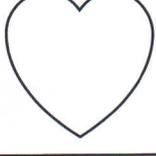
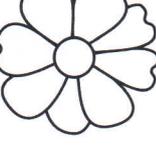
The father gladly forgave his son. “Quick!” he called out to his servants. “Bring the best robe, a ring and sandals for my son. Let’s have a feast and celebrate, for my son has come home!”

Bible story based on Luke 15:11–24.

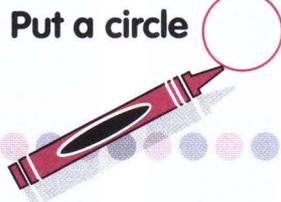
Dear God, Please Forgive Me

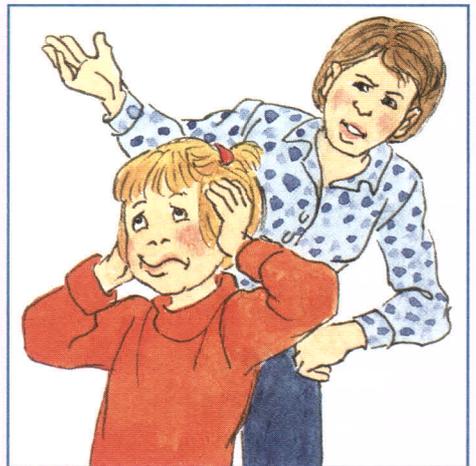
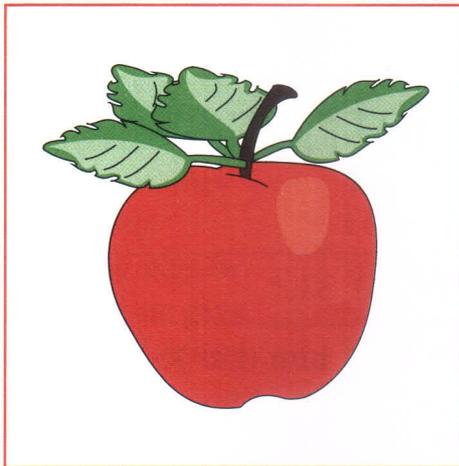
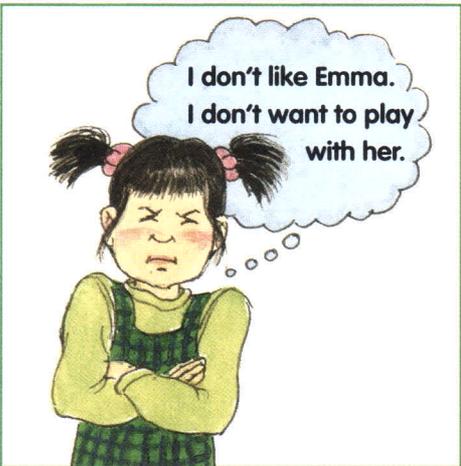
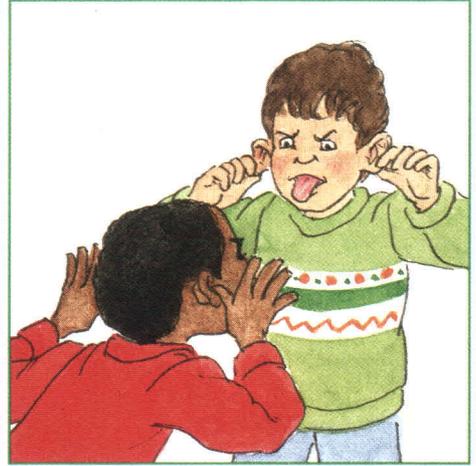
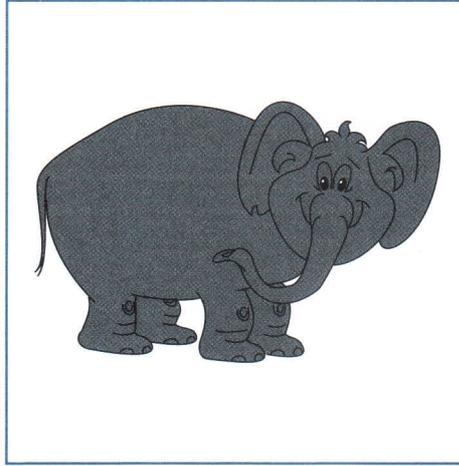
Draw a picture or write some words to show what you want your heavenly Father to forgive. **Color the border.**



God Forgives His Children

Put a circle  around each picture that shows the need to pray and ask God for forgiveness.



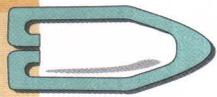
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Dear Family,

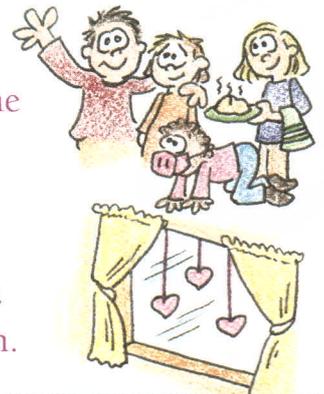
Today your child listened to the Parable of the Lost Son who was forgiven by his father. The children were encouraged to pray to God for forgiveness when they sin. They were assured that just as the loving father welcomed his son home with open arms, so, too, their loving heavenly Father forgives his children because Jesus has died for their sins.



Projects for you & your child this week . . .



- Make a story booklet of the Parable of the Lost Son recorded in Luke 15:1–24. Draw and color pictures of the story on half sheets of paper, number the pictures, and staple the pages together. Use the booklet to tell the story, then explain what the parable means.
- Dress up in costumes and act out the Bible story. Have someone play the part of the father, the younger son, a servant—and even a pig!
- Cut out pink hearts and hang them in the bedroom window. Tell your child that God's forgiveness makes our hearts clean.



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Worship together

Review 1 John:1:9a.

Memorize *First Catechism*, Q/A 29, 30, 31.*

Ask God for forgiveness of sins. Thank him that Jesus the Savior died for the sins of his people. Give praise and thanks to God for showing love, mercy and grace to his children.

**First Catechism* may be ordered from Great Commission Publications at 800-695-3387 or www.gcp.org