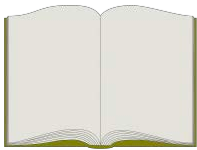


St Wilfrid's Family Focus

17th May 2020 – Lost Son

Welcome to this week's Family Focus! This is an opportunity for you to gather together as a family and spend some time with God. Below you will find a story to read, some things to wonder about, a song to sing and some suggestions for activities and prayer. Use them in whatever way works best for you. We pray that you will know that God is with you as you meet together today, wherever you are. Have fun!



Story – The Lost Son

Our story today is found in the bible in the book of Luke chapter 15. You can also find it in a book of bible stories, its sometimes called the 'prodigal' son. Or you can watch this animated telling of the story on youtube;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndGPfM-sXhc>





I wonder...

It is great to ask questions about Bible stories, and to wonder what God might be saying to us through them. Perhaps you could have a think and a wonder about some of these questions with other people in your family.

o I wonder which part of this story you like best?

o I wonder why the boy ran away?

o I wonder how he felt when all his money ran out and he had to eat pigs food?

o I wonder if you have ever worried about having done the wrong thing?

o I wonder what this story tells us about what Jesus is like?

I wonder if we all have a bit of that lost son inside us? Sometimes we want to do things our way, we want to go off and make our own choices even though we might know that they aren't the right choices. Perhaps that desire for independence and freedom from our fathers is all part of growing up? There are lots of big feelings in this story from both the sons. Isn't it wonderful that the Father shows his never ending love for both his sons whilst they struggle with those feelings?



Song: You Forgive me by Group Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LO-2fm7IKcU>

This song helps us to remember Gods Forgiveness and the love he has for us that allows him to make it all right again. It reminds us that God can pick up the pieces and no matter what we feel we have done wrong, no matter how far away we have run God loves us and forgives us.

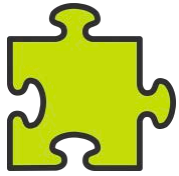


A Prayer to say

Dear God

Thank you that you love us so much that you forgive our mistakes freely. Thank you for wiping the slate clean and giving us a brand new start. Thank you God for being with us even in those times when we run away, or make the wrong choice, thank you for helping us to find our way home and for greeting us with open arms. Please God help us to feel your love and be with us and those we love at this time.

In Jesus name, Amen/Yo!



Activities

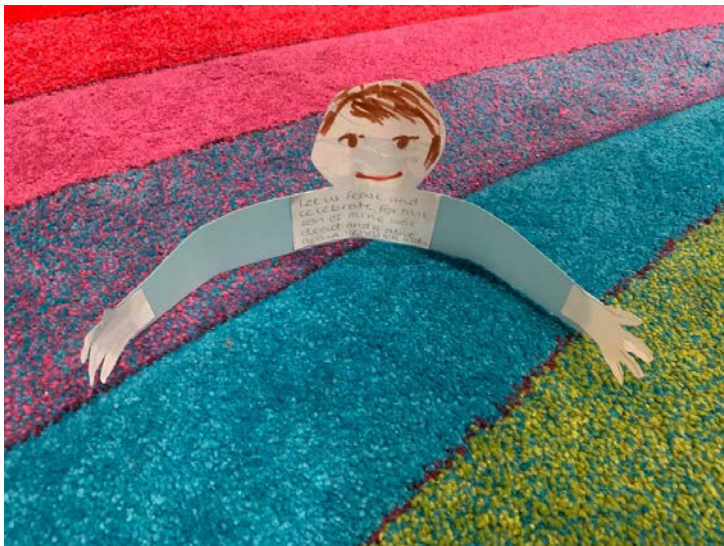
Stick Puppets

Here are some printable figures, you can stick them on straws and use them to tell your family the story. Perhaps you can explore how each person is feeling at different points in the story.

Arms open wide

Here is a printable, in order to complete this craft you will need a strip of card, scissors and some glue. Alternatively you can always draw this out on a piece of paper and choose a different verse to put on yours. I selected Luke 15 v 23-24

'Let us have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'



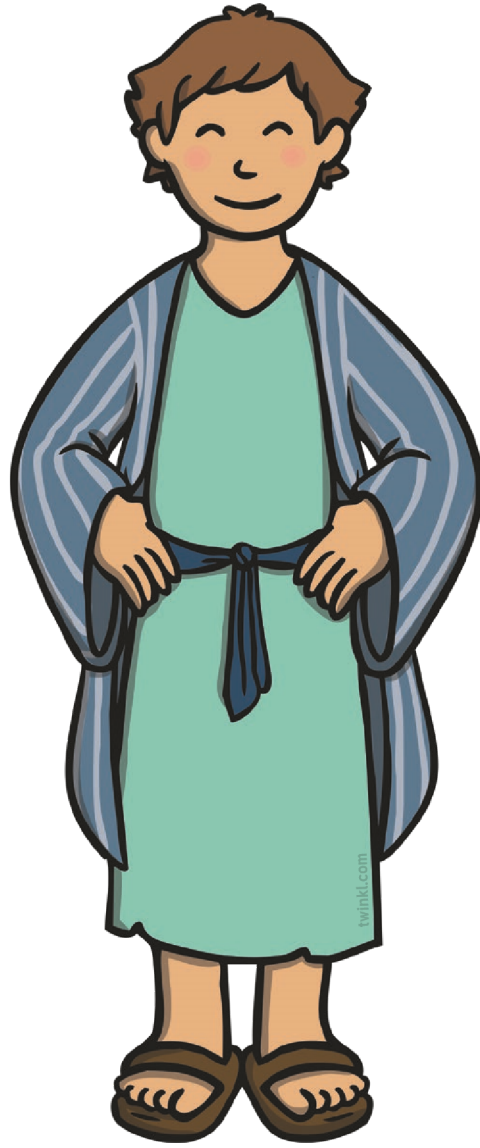
Pig Puppet

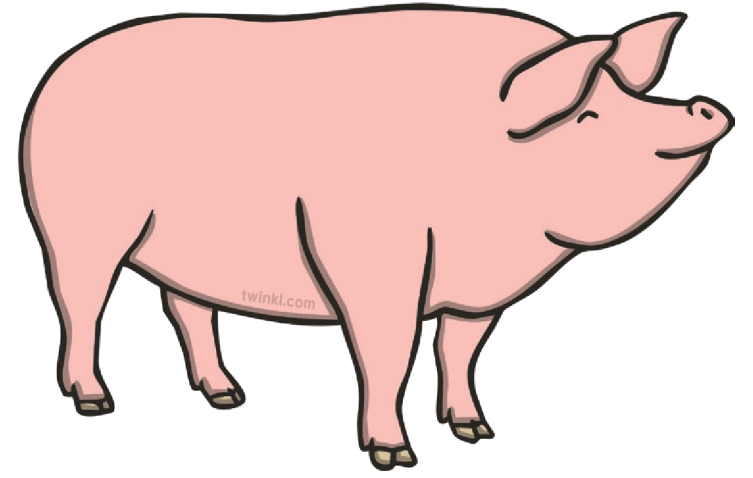
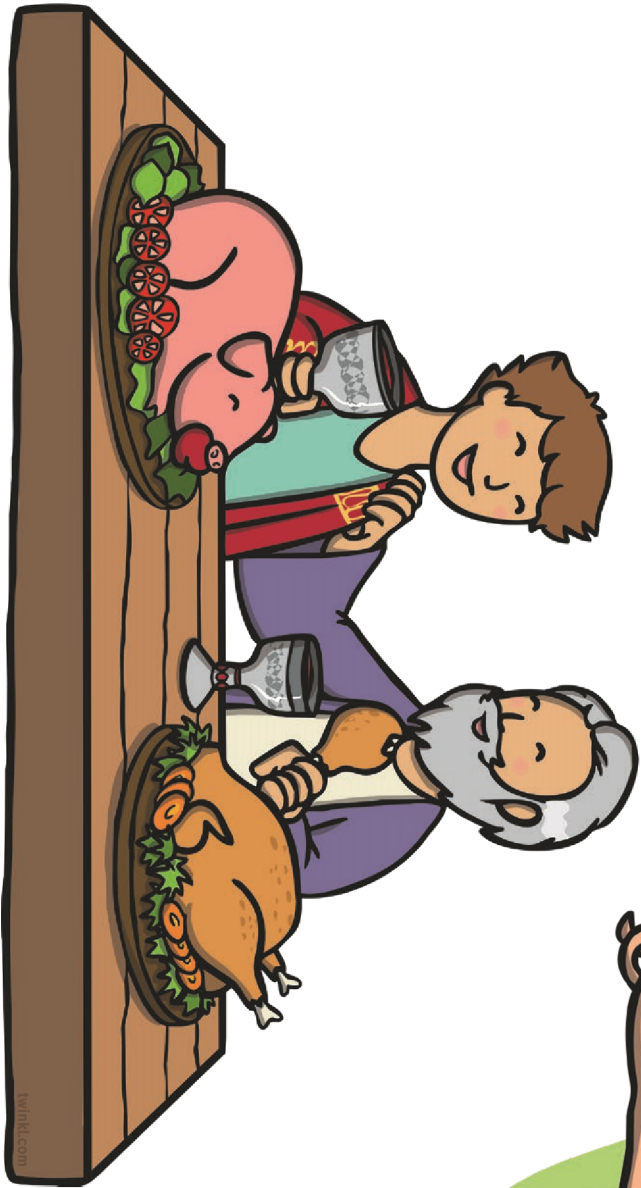
You can make a pig puppet with this simple youtube tutorial;

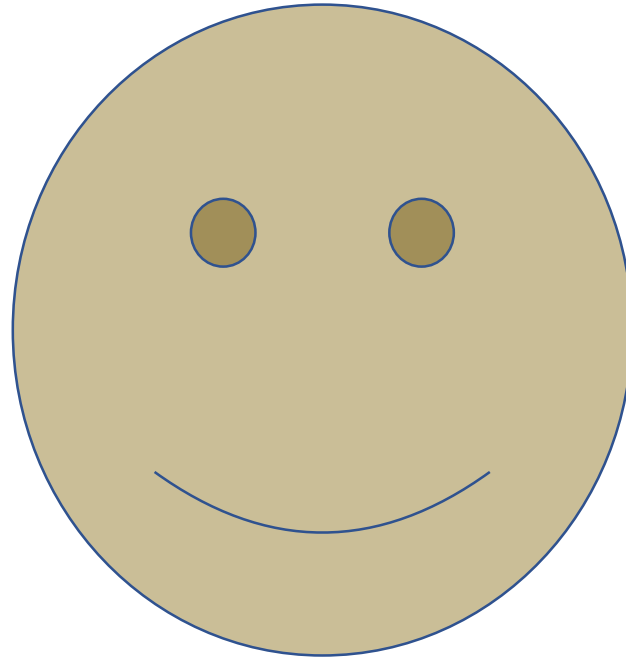
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