

The Prodigal Son



Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



Lent 4

Name _____

God loves us, even when we make mistakes!

The Prodigal Son's Party

It's a party for the prodigal son! The son who left home and spent all of his money having fun came back. These colored balloons can help us remember how people in the story felt:

The younger son was **EXCITED** about leaving home.

The father was **SAD** to see him go.

The father was **HAPPY** when that same son returned.

The older son was **ANGRY** when his brother was welcomed back.

The father **LOVED** both boys—no matter what.



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Gospels tell the story of Jesus' life.

Close to God's Heart

Even though the prodigal son made mistakes, his father always loved him.

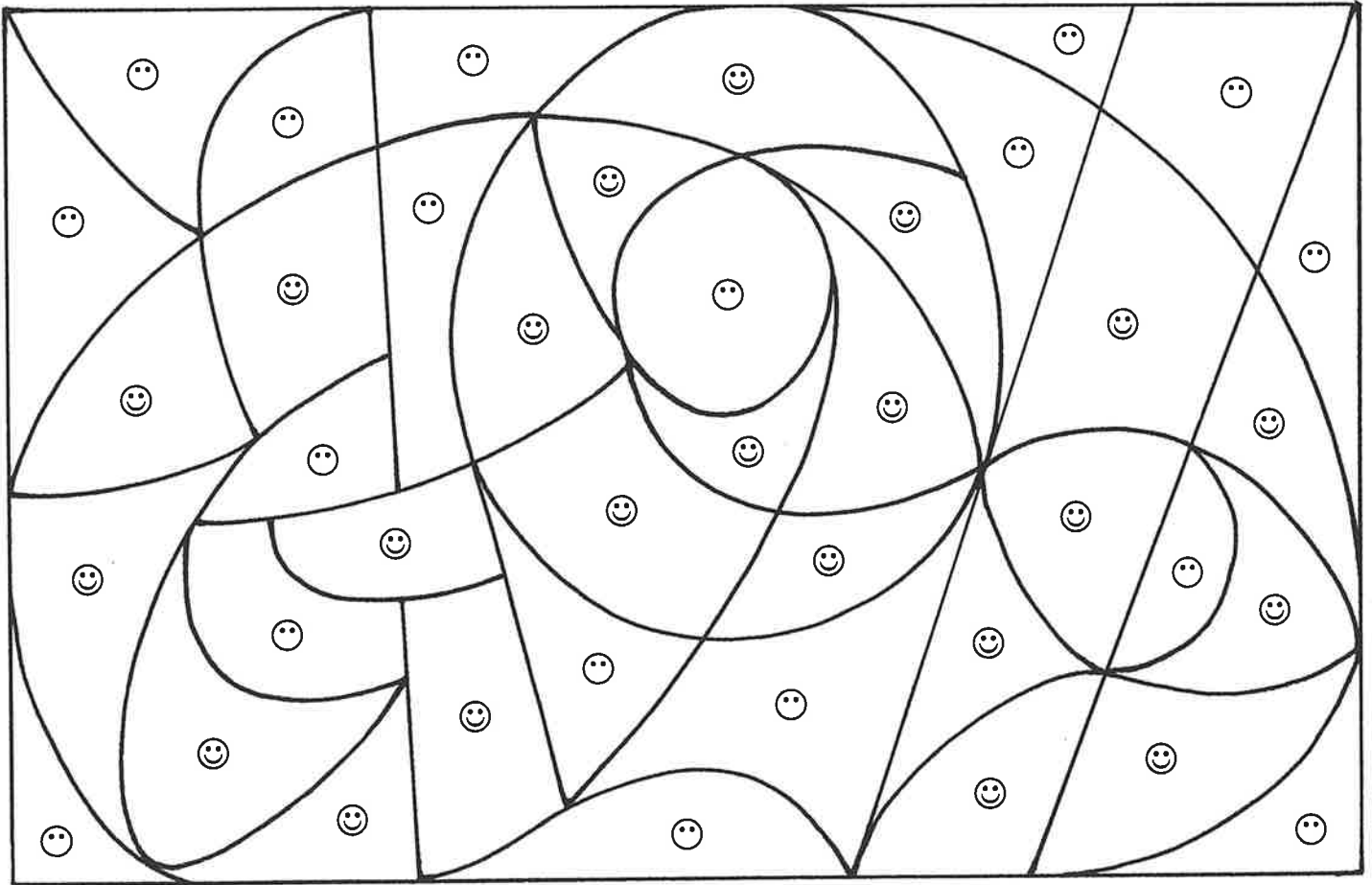
Here is a picture of me today. God always loves me, even when I make mistakes.



TRY IT!

Freely Forgiven

Like the prodigal son, we all need forgiveness. Who always forgives us when we've done something wrong? To find the answer, color only those shapes that have a 😊 in them.



**Faith
on the Go!**

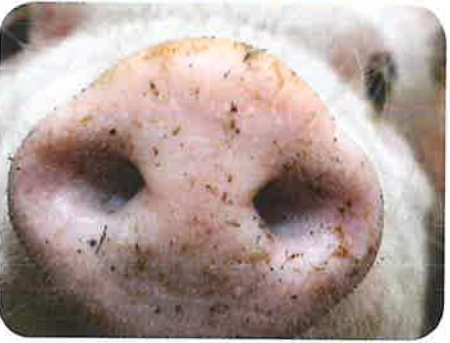
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IT'S REAL

Here, Piggy Piggy!



The prodigal son was working for a man who owned pigs when he decided to go home. Pigs today are like pigs in Bible times. Did you know that:

Pigs **don't sweat**. They roll in the mud to cool off.

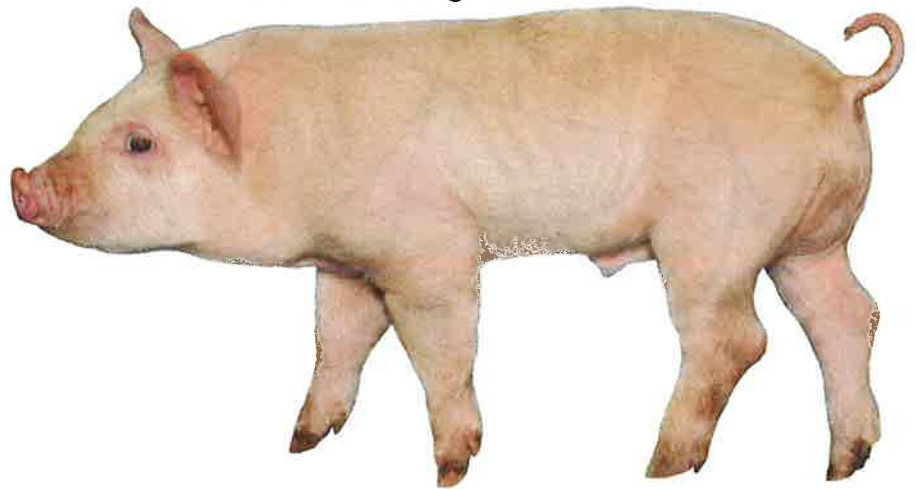
Pigs **can run** a mile in seven minutes.

Pigs **will eat** dead insects, worms, and tree bark.

Pigs are the **fourth smartest animals**.

Pigs **can get sunburned** because they don't have a lot of hair.

Pigs **tiptoe**. They have four toes on each foot, but they use the two middle toes for walking.



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To: _____ From: _____ Date: _____

I want to:

___ Tell you about the prodigal son

___ Visit a farm

___ Bake a party cake together

___ Read a book about pigs

___ Play a party game

___ Make a "Welcome Home" sign

___ Invite you to church

___ Give you a big hug

___ Say "I'm sorry"

___ Pray for you

___ My own idea: _____