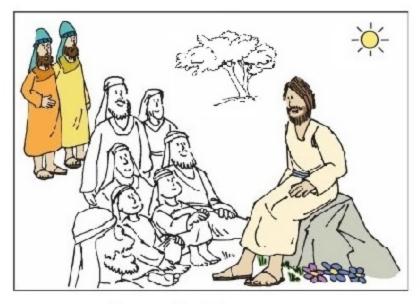
The Parable of the Lost Son

Some people complained
that Jesus welcomed sinners.
In response,
Jesus told the Parable of the Lost Son:



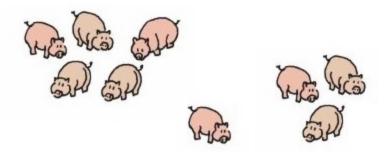
A man had two sons.

The younger son asked him for his share of the inheritance.

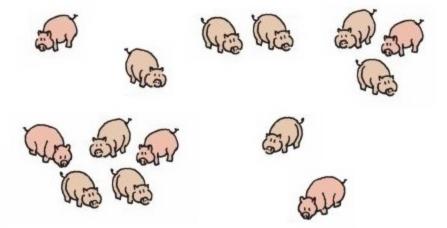
The son wasted his wealth in wild living in a distant country.

After the son had spent everything, he began to be in need!

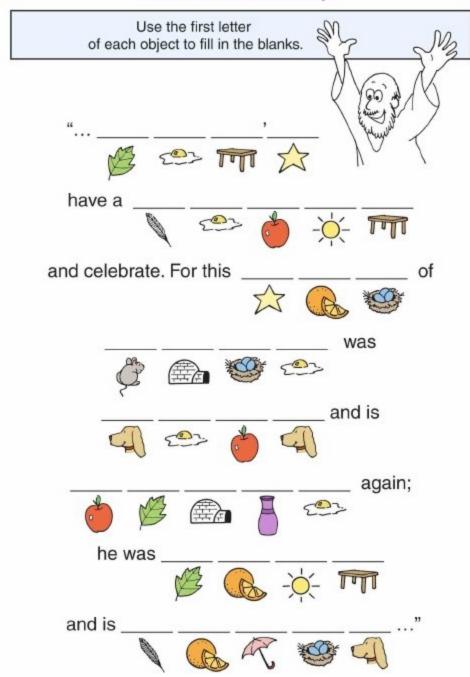
What did the son do?



The son hired himself out
to a citizen of that country.
The citizen sent him to the fields
to feed pigs.
The son longed to fill his stomach
with the pods
that the pigs were eating,
but no one gave him anything.



The son decided to go back to his father and tell him he was not worthy to be called his son. What did his father say?





When the older brother found out, he became angry. What did his father say to him?

"My son," the father said,
"you are always with me,
and everything I have is yours.
But we had to celebrate and be glad,
because this brother of yours
was dead and is alive again;
he was lost and is found."

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