

# The Loving Father

Luke 15:11-24

SPRING UNIT 2:  
I Learn from Jesus

BIBLE VERSE:  
“We love because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

GOD’S WORD & ME (BOTTOM LINE):  
Jesus tells me to be kind and serve others.



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## Tell the Story

Open your Bible to Luke 15. Tell the story using the pictured motions (keywords in bold) or show Bible Story 38 pictures.

**How many people are in your family? Let’s listen to a story Jesus told of a man who went far from his home and family.**



Once there was a father with two sons. They lived on a big farm. The father loved his sons. He took good care of them. One day a son said, “Father, you promised to give me **money** some day. I want it NOW!” So the father gave his son the money.



The son wanted to live far away from his family. The son packed his clothes and began walking away. The father felt sad. While the son was gone, the father waited and waited for the son to come home.



When the son got to a new place, he spent his money until it was all **gone**. His nice clothes became dirty and torn. Soon he didn’t have enough food to eat.

The son went to work feeding some pigs. As he worked, the son thought, *Even the men who work for my father have food to eat.* The son decided, *I’ll go back home!*



So the son began **walking** home. He walked and walked and walked. Soon he saw his father’s farm. When he was almost there, he could see someone running down the road toward him! It was his FATHER, running to meet him!

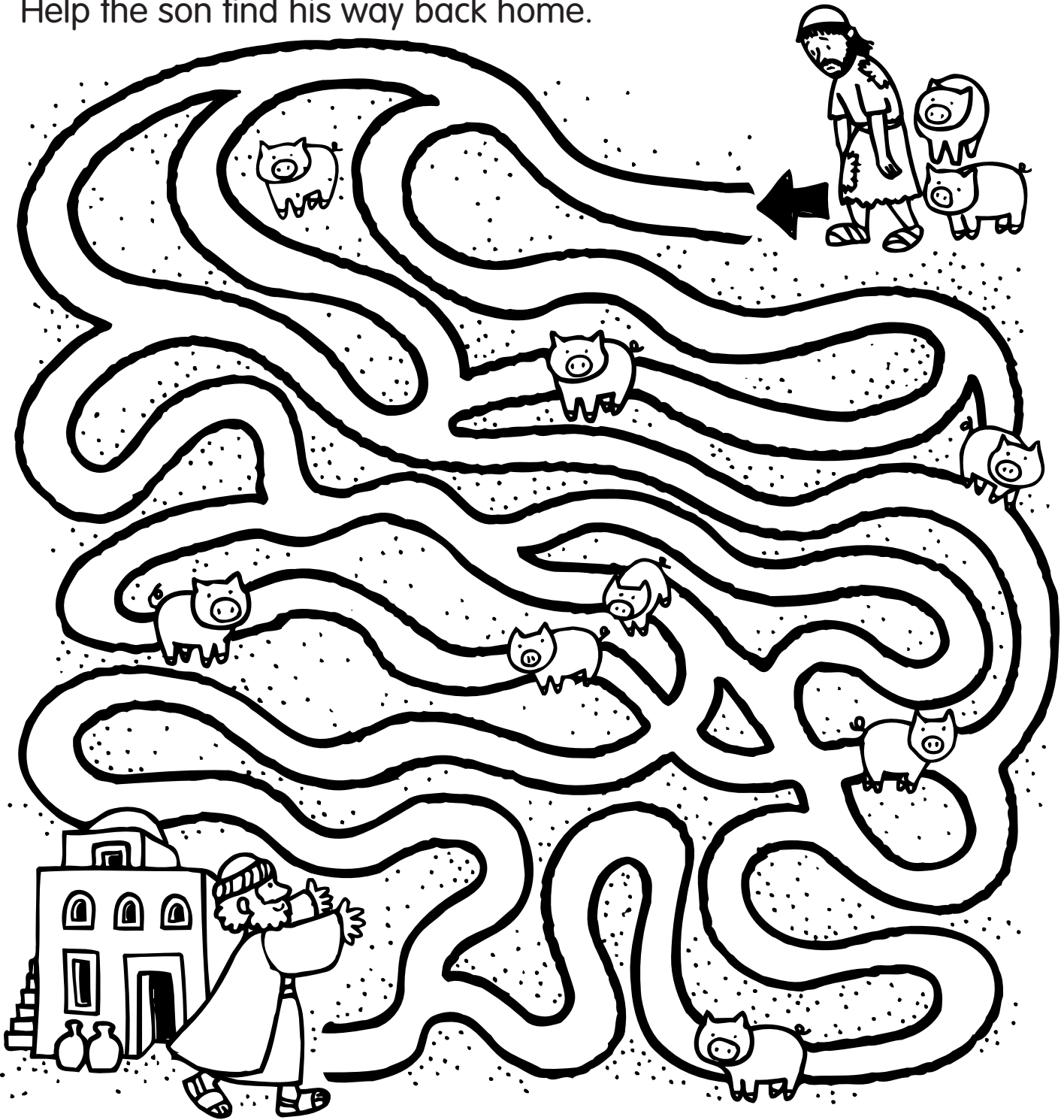
“Oh, Father,” the son said, “I **spent** ALL the money you gave me. I am very sorry.” The father loved his son and was glad he had come back home. The father gave him new clothes and other good things. How glad the son was that his father loved him and forgave him.

Jesus told this story to help us learn that God is loving and kind, just like the father in the story. We can show God’s love by being kind and forgiving to each other.





Help the son find his way back home.



The loving father forgave his son and gave him many gifts when he returned home. We can show God's love to our families when we are kind and forgive them. Our Bible says, "Forgive each other." (See Colossians 3:13.)



Draw a picture of a gift someone has given you.