



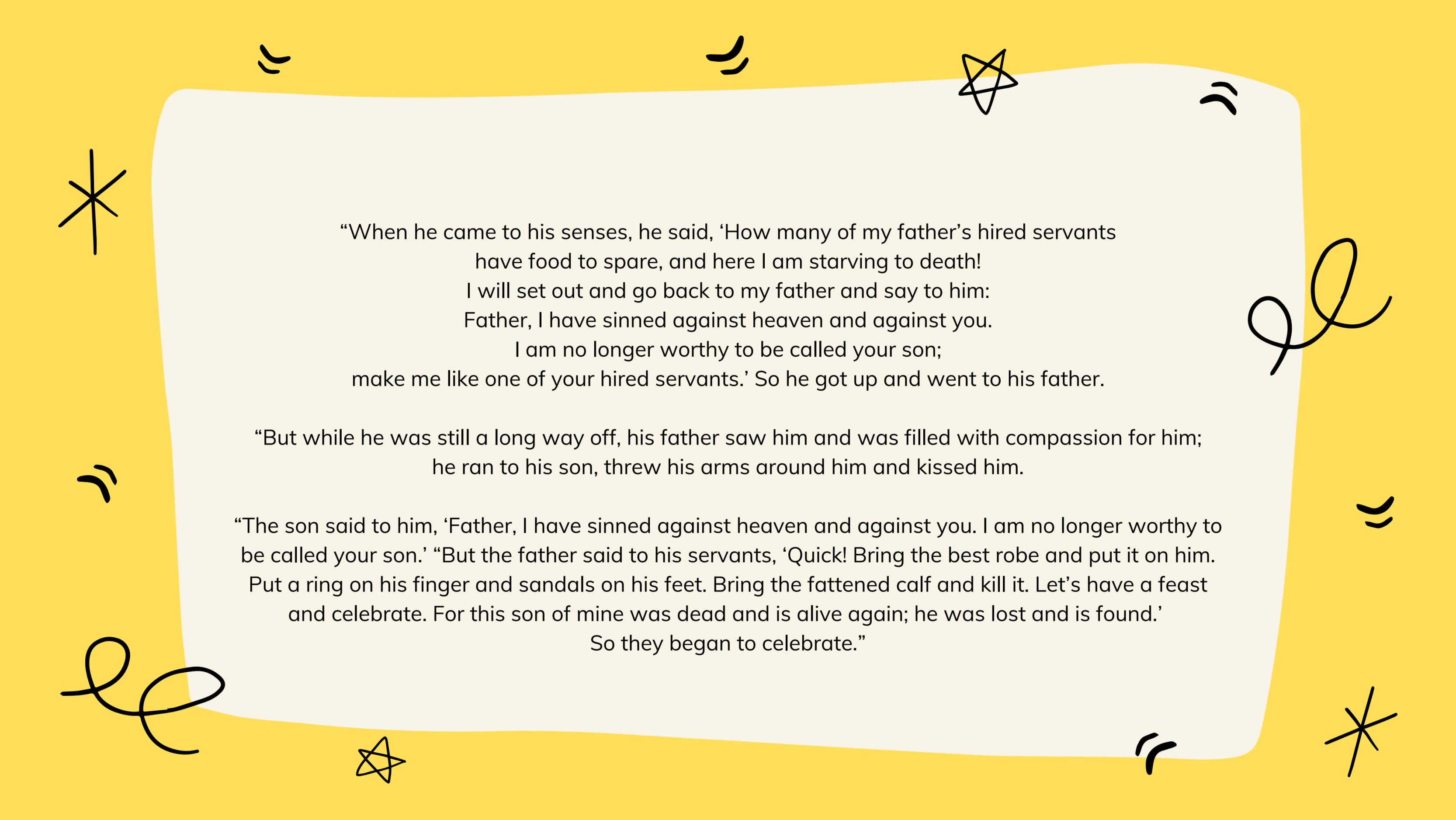
UNCONDITIONAL

SCRIPTURES

LUKE 15:11-24

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them."

"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything."



“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’
So they began to celebrate.”

MEMORY VERSE

"NOTHING IN ALL CREATION WILL EVER BE ABLE TO SEPARATE
US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD THAT IS REVEALED IN CHRIST
JESUS OUR LORD."

ROMANS 8:39

Today we are learning that God's love is unconditional. It's always the same. God doesn't love us more on some days and love us less on other days. His love is always there and it's always the same!

There is nothing you can do to make God love you more. And there is nothing you can do to make God love you less!

This Bible Verse reminds us that God's love is so amazing that nothing could ever separate us from it! If ever you need to feel loved, run straight to God. God loved you so much that he didn't even spare his own son!

Nothing in the whole world can ever change his love for us!

STORY RE-CAP

The son in the story reminds us of what we are like, while the father in the story reminds us of what God is like.

What are some of the things that you noticed about the son?

*The son was rude to his father and ran away.
He lived far away from his father and made very bad decisions.*

What are some of the things that you noticed about the father?

*The father never ever stopped loving his son! He never gave up on his son!
He ran to his son and forgave him.*

Sometimes, just like the prodigal son, we move away from God and do things that we know are wrong. That never stops God from loving us! On the road home, the son felt like he wasn't good enough to be a son anymore. He wanted to be a servant who worked hard for everything that the father gave him. But nothing the son had done changed the fact that he was a son in his father's house! Even when he was far away wasting his life and his dad's money, he was still a son! His father never stopped loving him unconditionally!

HOW THIS APPLIES

Our lives are the same.

God never abandons his children! Once you are a son or daughter of God, there is nothing that will ever change that, and nothing will ever separate you from his love. You never have to try to be a hard working servant to impress God!

Do you know how to become one of God's children?

Believe in Jesus – that he died on the cross to take the place for your sin. The Bible tells us that when God saves us, his Spirit joins with our spirits to say that we are his children! (Romans 8:15-16)

WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH
GOD LOVES ME – BECAUSE OF WHO
HE IS – IT CHANGES ME!
I WANT TO LIVE FOR HIM!
I WANT TO SHOW HIM THAT I LOVE
HIM TOO. NOT BECAUSE I THINK IT
WILL CHANGE THE WAY
THAT GOD FEELS ABOUT ME, BUT
BECAUSE I KNOW HOW HE ALWAYS
FEELS ABOUT ME!



MAIN POINTS





1.

God's love is
unconditional

2.

God will never
love you more or
less than He
loves you right
now!

3.

God's love is so
amazing that
nothing could
ever separate us
from it!



CRAFT

Today we have spoken about God's unconditional love.

Make this craft to remind you that God's love will never change. There is nothing you can do to make God love you more or less

He will never stop loving you!



GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE CRAFT:

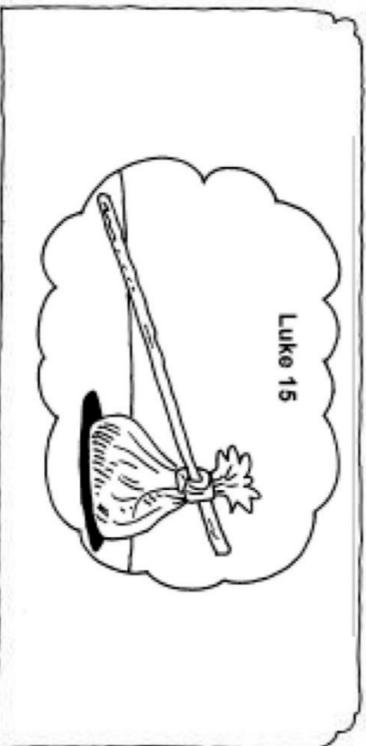
1. PRINT OUT THE NEXT PAGE
2. COLOUR-IN
3. STICK YOUR ARTWORK ON YOUR FRIDGE SO YOU CAN BE REMINDED EVERY DAY!

THE lost son comes home

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Jesus told the story
of "the Prodigal son,"
to show us how
much God loves us.



One day the youngest boy said,
"Dad give me half of your money.
It might be a long time until you die.
I want to have a good time, now."



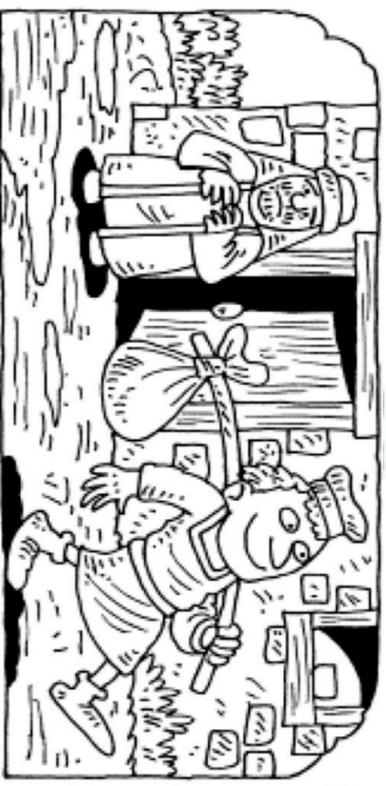
The boy had fun and spent lots of money.
He had big parties and gave his friends presents.
Soon all the money was gone.
He didn't even have a house to live in.



"I will go home and be my dad's servant," he said.
"My dad gives his helpers good food."
The dad was always watching for his boy
to come home and he ran to meet him.



"A farmer had two big boys.
They lived and worked on their dad's farm.
Some day, when their dad died,
they would share all the money he had.



The dad gave the boy half of his money.
He was sad when the boy went away.
The dad prayed the boy
would come home again.



He had to work looking after pigs.
It was dirty and it was smelly.
He was hungry. He wanted to eat the pig's food.
The boy thought about his dad and was sad.



"I am very happy because my boy has come home!
We will have a party," said the dad.
Jesus was reminding us that God
is always waiting for us to come to him.

THE END