

The Prodigal Son

LUKE 15:11-32

This week's theme is **GRACE**. The Prodigal Son is the ultimate story of messing up and needing forgiveness. Both brothers make wrong choices in their lives. Instead of being rejected, both are accepted and embraced by God's grace.

PLEASE COME HOME

Stand in a line together and choose one person to name different ways to move away, such as skipping or hopping. Continue moving until the leader shouts, "Please come home!" Run back and hug the leader. Take turns until everyone has had a chance to lead.

ALWAYS LOVED

Write the words "God always loves us" on small sticky notes or masking tape and place one near each clock in your home. No matter what time of day or night it is, remember that God always loves us.

WORD CLOUD

What words come to mind when you think of the prodigal son? Use an online search engine and find a site to create a Wordle. Use your word cloud to share Luke 15:11-32 with a friend.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

Find items in your home that could be used for props and costumes to act out Luke 15:11-32. Capture the drama with a video camera, tablet, or cell phone. Switch roles to act out the story more than once. Eat popcorn and watch your home movies.

FEEDING FAMILIES

The prodigal son didn't have money to buy food. Look up an organization that helps families who don't have enough food. Call to find out what kind of foods are most needed. Collect donations from neighborhood families and deliver them.

This week our family is praying for...

PARTY TIME

Create a menu with one favorite food for each person in your family. Give everyone a job to do as you prepare the meal together. Decorate the table with balloons and streamers. Enjoy dinner together as you celebrate God's great love for you.

SANDY PRAYERS

Fill a shoebox lid with sand or salt. Imagine that you are the older brother in the story. Who do you need to forgive? Write the person's name in the sand. Slowly erase it, asking God to help you forgive the hurt and reach out in love.

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Grades
5-6

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What

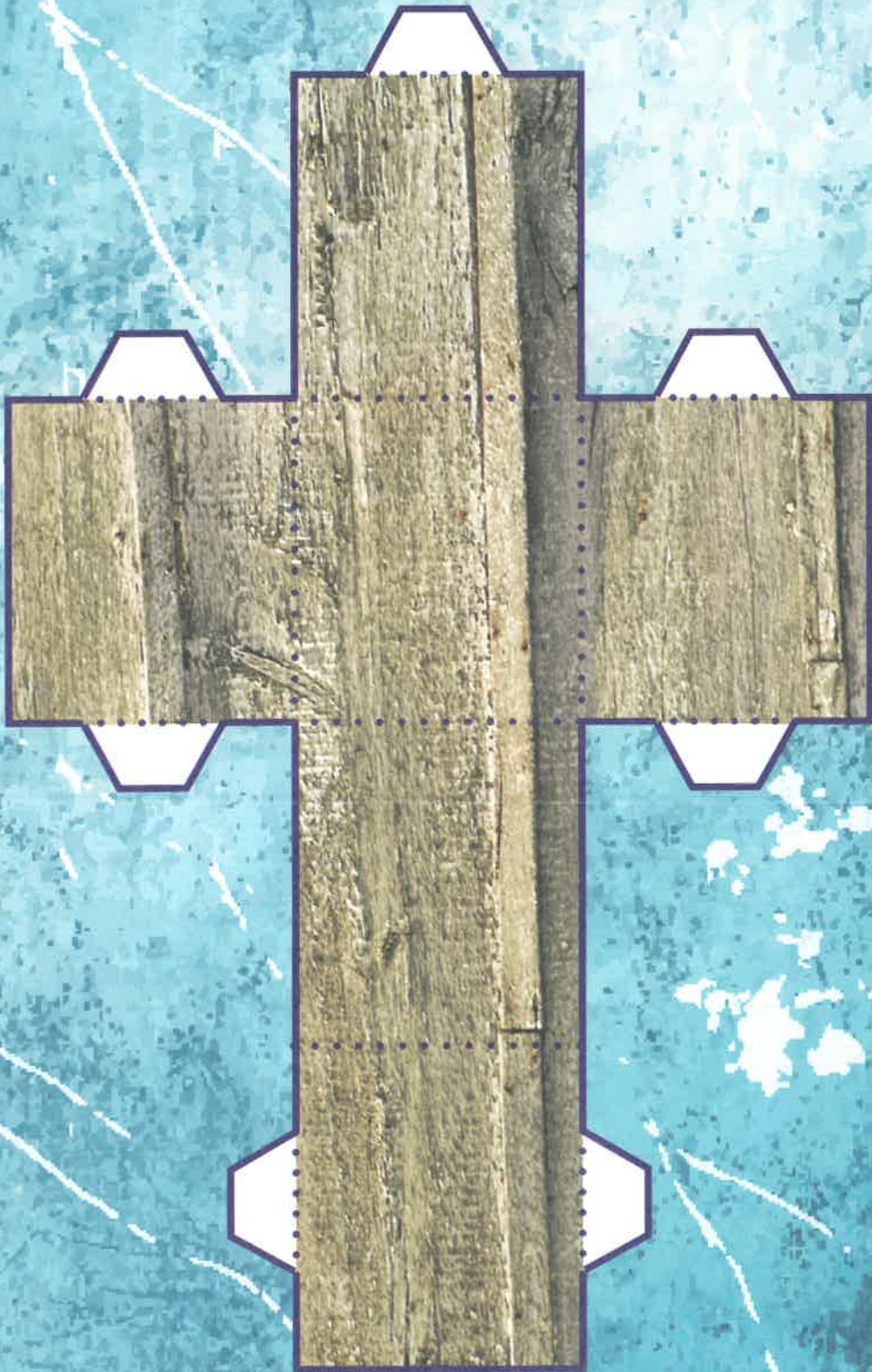
When

Where



Unexpected Blanks

THE WANDERING DAUGHTER



Once upon a time, two children lived with their parents. When she was _____ years old, the daughter announced that she didn't want to _____ at her family's house any longer. Her parents gave her an allowance of one thousand _____ and were very _____ when she left. Her brother felt _____.

number
verb
plural noun
emotion
emotion

After she left, her brother still had to do his chores: _____ the dishes and wash the _____. And he also had to do his sister's chores: _____ the beds and feed their pet _____. Meanwhile, she spent all her money on _____, _____, and _____.

verb
plural noun
verb
animal
plural noun
plural noun
plural noun

Then she had nothing left, and none of her friends would _____ her messages. She was forced to work as a _____. It was the worst job ever, and she felt very _____. She started to think that life wasn't so _____ at home, and decided to _____ back.

verb
occupation
emotion
emotion
verb

When her mother saw her, she _____ toward her. Both parents _____ their arms around their daughter and smiled. Her brother expected his parents to be _____ at his sister, and force her to do all the chores. But instead they ordered _____ and had a party. He refused to join them and complained that his sister should be punished. He didn't think it was fair. After thinking awhile he _____. And they all lived _____ ever after.

verb (past tense)
verb (past tense)
emotion
food (plural)
verb (past tense)
adverb