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## ☆Let's Talk

**SAY** Jesus told the story of a man who had two sons. The younger son left home and wasted his share of the family money on wild living. One day when he had nothing left, he said, "I'll go home to my father. I have sinned against God and against my father. I don't deserve to be treated as a son."

**ASK** *What do you think the father did when his son returned?*

**SAY** The father ran to meet his son. He hugged and kissed him and gladly forgave him. The father planned a grand dinner to celebrate his son's return home.

**ASK** *Why did Jesus tell this story?*

**SAY** Jesus wanted his followers to understand that God is like the father in the story. Our loving heavenly Father forgives his children because Jesus died for our sins. Those who trust in Jesus as Savior can always go to God the Father for forgiveness. He forgives all our sin and makes our hearts clean!

## ☆Let's Listen and Show

**1** Gather a quilt, a Bible, and **objects** listed in bold below.

<i>property</i>	<b>money</b>	<i>ring</i>	<b>plastic ring</b>
<i>pigs</i>	<b>toy pigs</b>	<i>shoes</i>	<b>sandals</b>
<i> pods</i>	<b>seedpods</b>	<i>calf</i>	<b>picture of a young cow</b>
<i>robe</i>	<b>bathrobe</b>	<i>eat</i>	<b>play food set</b>

**2** Sit in a circle on the quilt. Hand an object to each child. Then read aloud the parable found in Luke 15:11–24. Tell the children to listen carefully. As you read, emphasize the key words in italic above that match the objects. Each time you emphasize a word, the child with the matching object will put it in the center of the circle. Afterward, let the children pick up the objects and retell the story.

## ☆Let's Sing and Pray

Sing "I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus." Then lead the children in saying this prayer.



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Dear heavenly Father, please forgive us when we disobey you. Thank you that you forgive us because Jesus died for our sins. Help us to grow in trusting and obeying you. In Jesus' name, Amen.