



# Preschool Lesson



## Lesson 1: WHO Is Our Heavenly Father?



### Whatchagaddaknow:

“God The Father Is Perfect!”



### Power Verse:

“...For I will be with you...I will not fail you or abandon you.”

- *Joshua 1:5*

### Before the Lesson

- \* Collect the items for the activities you plan to use, referring to the Classroom Supplies and Lesson Manual Supplies listed in the chart.
- \* Pray for your students and for God’s direction in teaching the class.

### This Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Classroom Supplies	Lesson Manual Supplies
Bible Story – This week, the kids will learn the story of the Prodigal Son and his relationship with his father (Luke 15:11-32).		Bible Story Pictures (pg. 6-9)
Hands-On Learning – The kids will learn that God is their perfect Heavenly Father.	Picture of a father with his children and a completed Heavenly Father Coloring Page	
Craft Option # 1 – Bible Story Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 10)
Craft Option #2 – Hugging Father Craft	Crayons or markers, Scissors	Hugging Father Craft Print Piece (pg. 11)
Craft Option #3 – Heavenly Father Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Heavenly Father Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 12)



# Bible Story

**Supplies Needed:** Bible Story Pictures (provided on pg. 6-9)

**Teacher Instruction:** Before class begins, print the Bible Story Pictures. Have the children gathered around so they can see the pictures.

**Say-** There was a father who had two sons. The youngest son approached his father one day (*show pic*) and said, “Give me all the money you saved for me.”

**Say-** The youngest son wanted to make his own plan for his life - no rules, no chores, no bedtime! He thought his plan was better and would be more fun.

**Say-** The father gave his son the money, and the son left home to live on his own.

**Say-** The son made very bad choices and started sinning. He thought he had friends, but they were only his friends because he had money. Once his money was gone, the friends left.

**Say-** He wasted all his money on wild and sinful living. The boy had no money left. He was lonely and starving. He took the only job he could find - feeding PIGS. Make a pig noise with me. (*make pig noises along with the kids*)

**Ask-** Can you imagine sloshing around in the mud with a bunch of smelly pigs? Gross!

**Say-** The son was so hungry that even the food that he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. (*show pic*)

**Say-** He looked around and realized that the PIGS were living better than he was. Make a sad face with me. (*make a sad face along with the kids*)

**Say-** He thought, “I will return home and beg for the forgiveness of my father.” (*show pic*)

**Say-** While the boy was away from home, his father was very sad his son was gone. Make a sad face with me. (*make a sad face along with the kids*)

**Say-** Every day, the father looked out to the road to see if that was the day his son would return home. Look for the son with me! (*pretend to look for someone along with the kids*)

**Say-** Finally, the father saw his son walking home and ran to meet him. (*show pic*) He threw his arms around his son and hugged and kissed him. He threw a huge party to celebrate.

**Say-** The father said, “My son was lost, but now he is found!” Make a happy face with me. (*make a happy face along with the kids*)

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## **Bible Story** *(Continued)*

**Say-** This reminds us that God is like the father in our story. He is our Heavenly Father. Say, “Heavenly Father,” with me. *(say the phrase along with the kids)*

**Say-** God loves us with a perfect love, and He never gives up on us!

**Pray**



# Hands-On Learning

**Supplies Needed:** *Picture of a father with his children and a completed Heavenly Father Coloring Page*

**Teacher Instruction:** *Before class begins, gather classroom materials. Have the children gathered around so they can see any illustration materials.*

**Say-** You need someone to take care of you, especially when you are young!

**Say-** Moms and dads and grandmas and grandpas take care of you in so many ways. Kids NEED adults to take care of them!

**Say-** You need adults to make sure you have food, clothes, and a safe place to live. You need them to drive you places, help you learn, and keep you safe. *(show the picture of the dad with his children)*

**Say-** You might have a dad in your family who helps take care of you. You might not have a dad at home. Everyone’s family is different.

**Say-** Did you know that followers of Jesus have more than one family? It’s true! *(show the completed Heavenly Father Coloring Page)*

**Say-** You are part of God’s family, and He is your Heavenly Father. Say, “Heavenly Father,” with me. *(say the phrase along with the kids)*

**Say-** God created everything - even you and me! God lives in Heaven, which is why we call Him our Heavenly Father.

**Say-** God has a perfect love for you. God’s love will never fail. God’s love will never change. God will never stop loving you - no matter what!

**Say-** God has a plan for your life that is special and perfect. He will take care of you - always.

**Say-** You don’t have to worry about your life because God is your Heavenly Father. He is perfect, His love for you is perfect, and His plan for your life is perfect.

**Say-** Say, “God the Father is perfect,” with me! *(say the phrase along with the kids)*

**Pray**

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## Craft #1: Bible Story Coloring Page

*Supplies Needed: Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 10); Crayons or markers*

*Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.*

**How To Do Craft** - Kids can color freely as they choose.



## Craft #2: Hugging Father Craft

*Supplies Needed: Hugging Father Craft Print Piece (provided on pg. 11); Crayons Or markers; Scissors*

*Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Hugging Father Craft Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough craft pages for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for crafting.*

**How To Do Craft** - Allow each kid to decorate and cut out one Hugging Father Craft page. Fold the father in half so that he has a front and back side, and then fold each arm inward to create a hugging effect. As you help with the craft, talk about how the father in the story loved his son and how God our Heavenly Father loves us!



## Craft #3: Heavenly Father Coloring Page

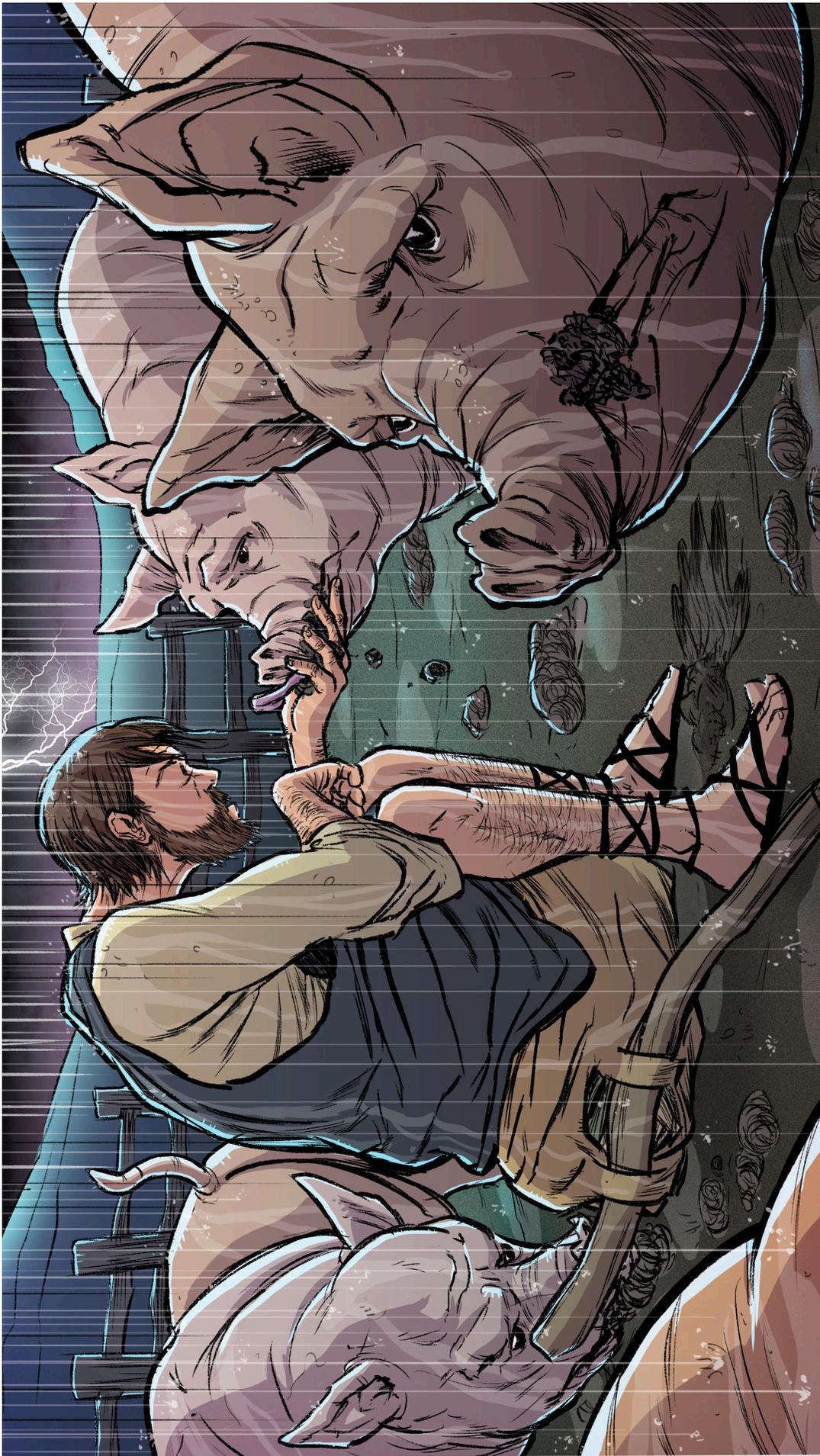
*Supplies Needed: Heavenly Father Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 12); Crayons or markers*

*Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Heavenly Father Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.*

**How To Do Craft** - Kids can color freely as they choose.



GIVE ME MY SHARE  
OF THE INHERITANCE.

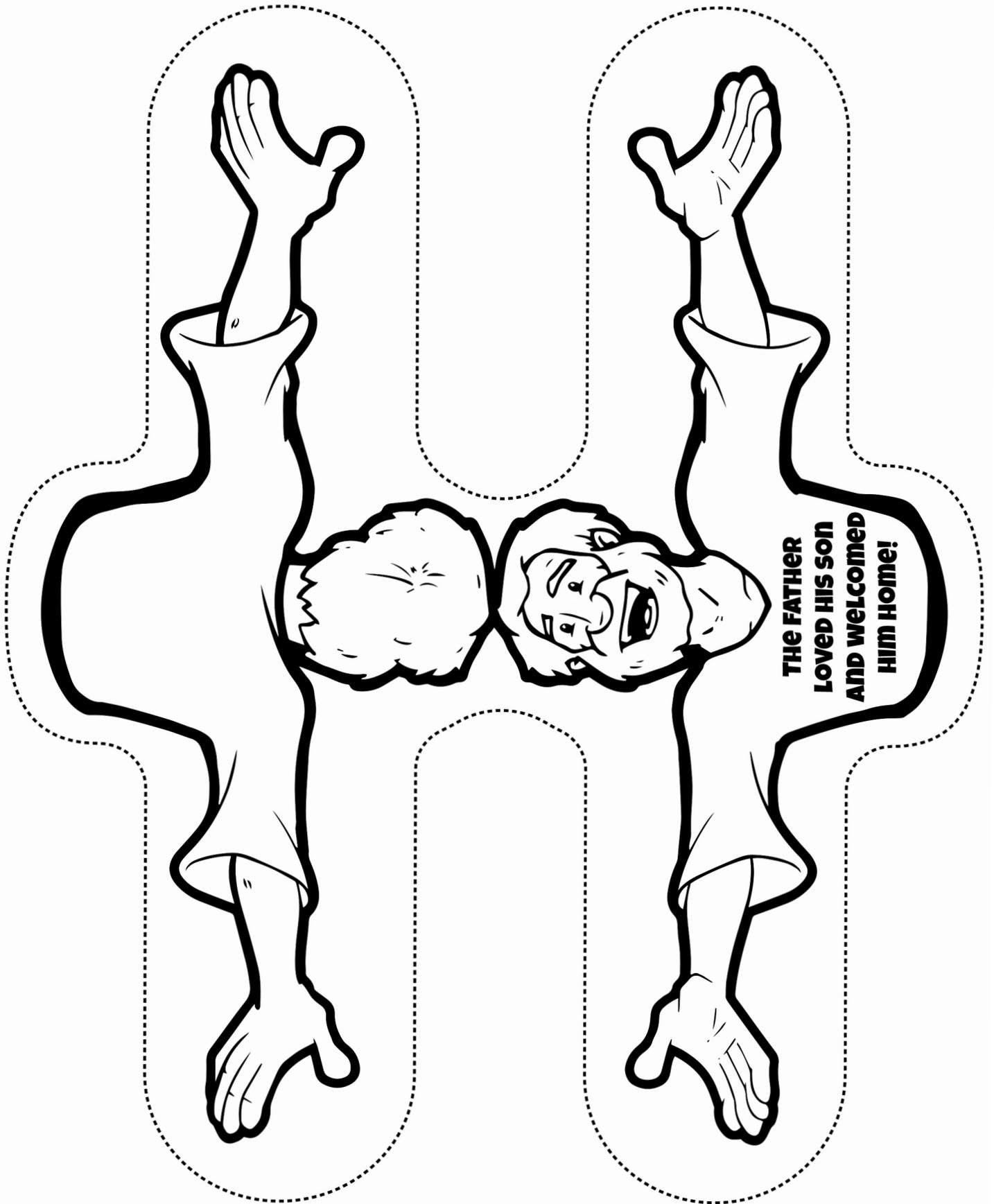








# **THE FATHER LOVED HIS SON AND WELCOMED HIM HOME!**





# **GOD IS OUR HEAVENLY FATHER!**