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In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word, keep it in our hearts and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

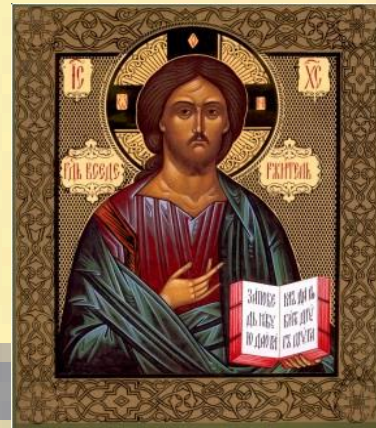
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



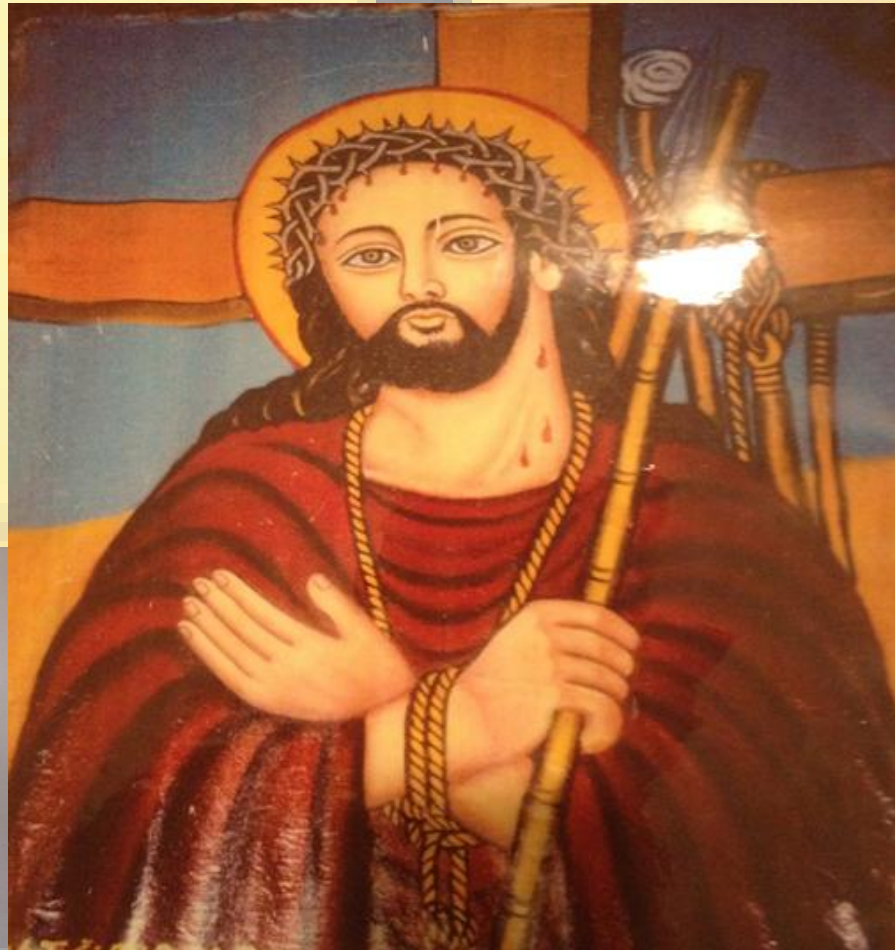
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



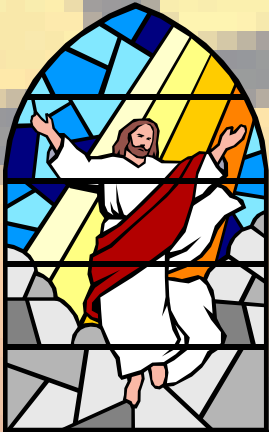
MEMORY VERSE

**Can anyone tell me
last week's
memory verse???**

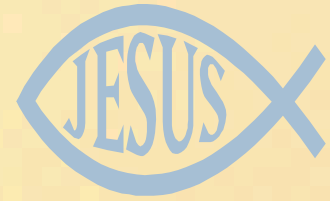
Recite Last week's memory verse

**“Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has
come to this house.”**

Luke 19:9






Review



1. Why was Zacchaeus not able to see Jesus?
 - Because he was a short man.
2. What can of work did Zacchaeus do?
 - He was a tax collector
3. What did he do in order to see Jesus?
 - He climbed a tree.
4. What did Jesus say to him when he saw him in the tree?
 - Qucik come down I will have dinner at your house.
5. How would you feel if Jesus came to your house?
 - Very happy
6. What did Zaccheus do to correct his past mistakes?
 - He told Jesus he would give half of his wealth to the poor and if He has taken anything from anyone by stealing he would give back 4 times.

Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,
my  in control,
my s on God's Word;
knowing God is my goal.

The Prodigal Son

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.
(Luke 15:20)



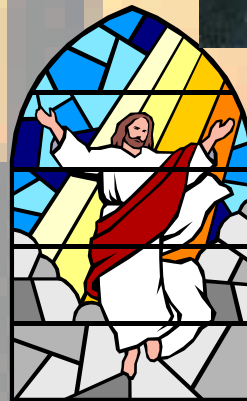
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Memorize today's Verse

“Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight” (Luke 15:21)



Practice this verse again during the week.



**There once was a man who
had two sons.**





**The older son
worked hard
and obeyed all
that his father
told him to do.**

**The younger son
liked to play and
have fun. He
wasn't interested
in working.**



Was this a happy family?



**One day, the
younger son
went to his
father and said.**



**Give me my
half now!**



The father was shocked!



**OK,
It's your
Choice.**



Far Away

The younger son gathered all he had, and set off for a far away country.

Party Party



There he wasted his money on parties and wild living.


Guess what happened next?



Famine!

Nasty piggy

niff

An illustration of a piggy bank and a pig. The piggy bank is on the left, and the pig is on the right. They are both looking towards the center. The background is a light yellow gradient.

He had spent all he had, so he went
and got a job feeding pigs!

The worst job ever!!!



OINK!!

OINK!!

OINK!!

OINK!!

OINK!!

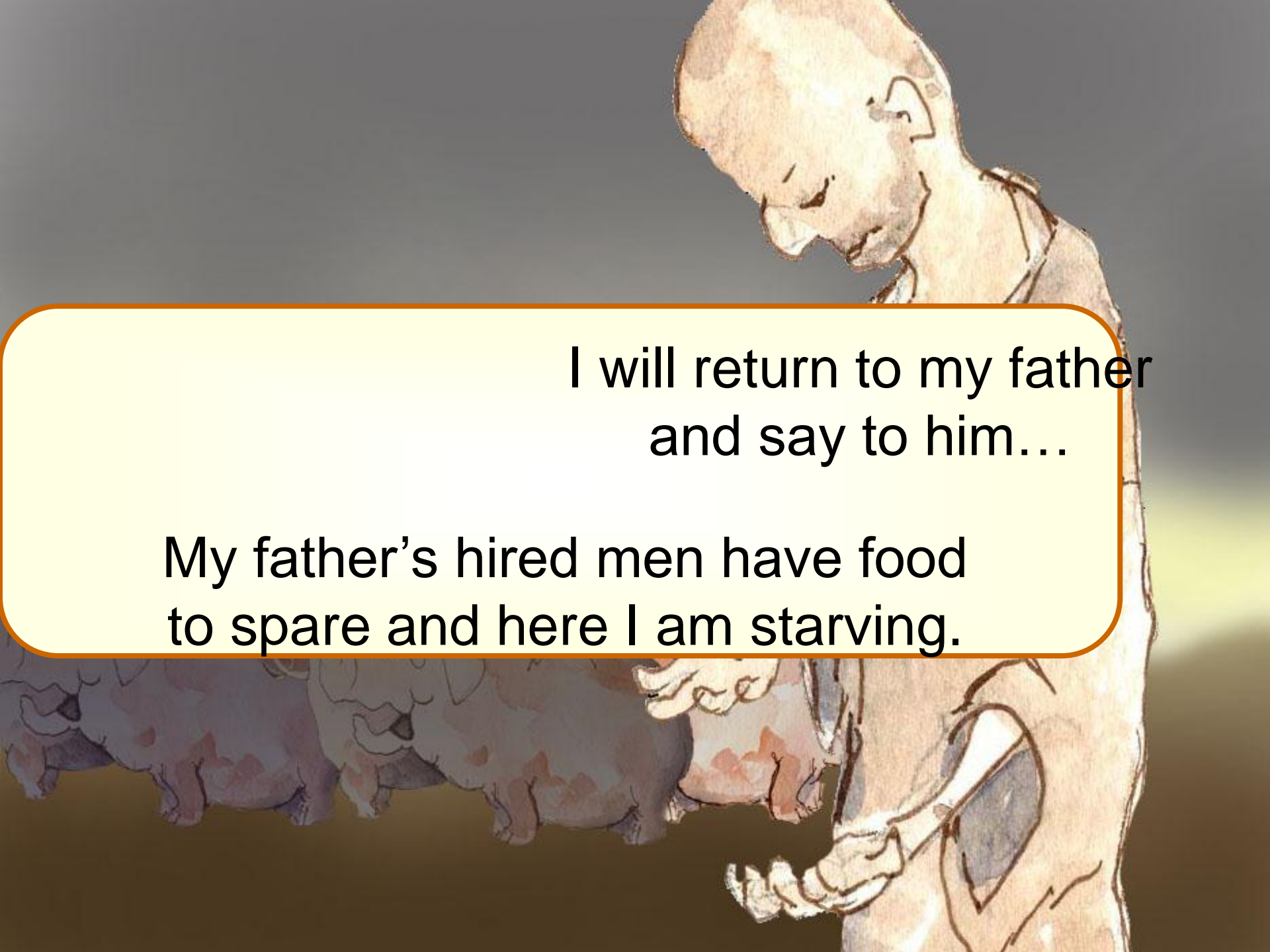
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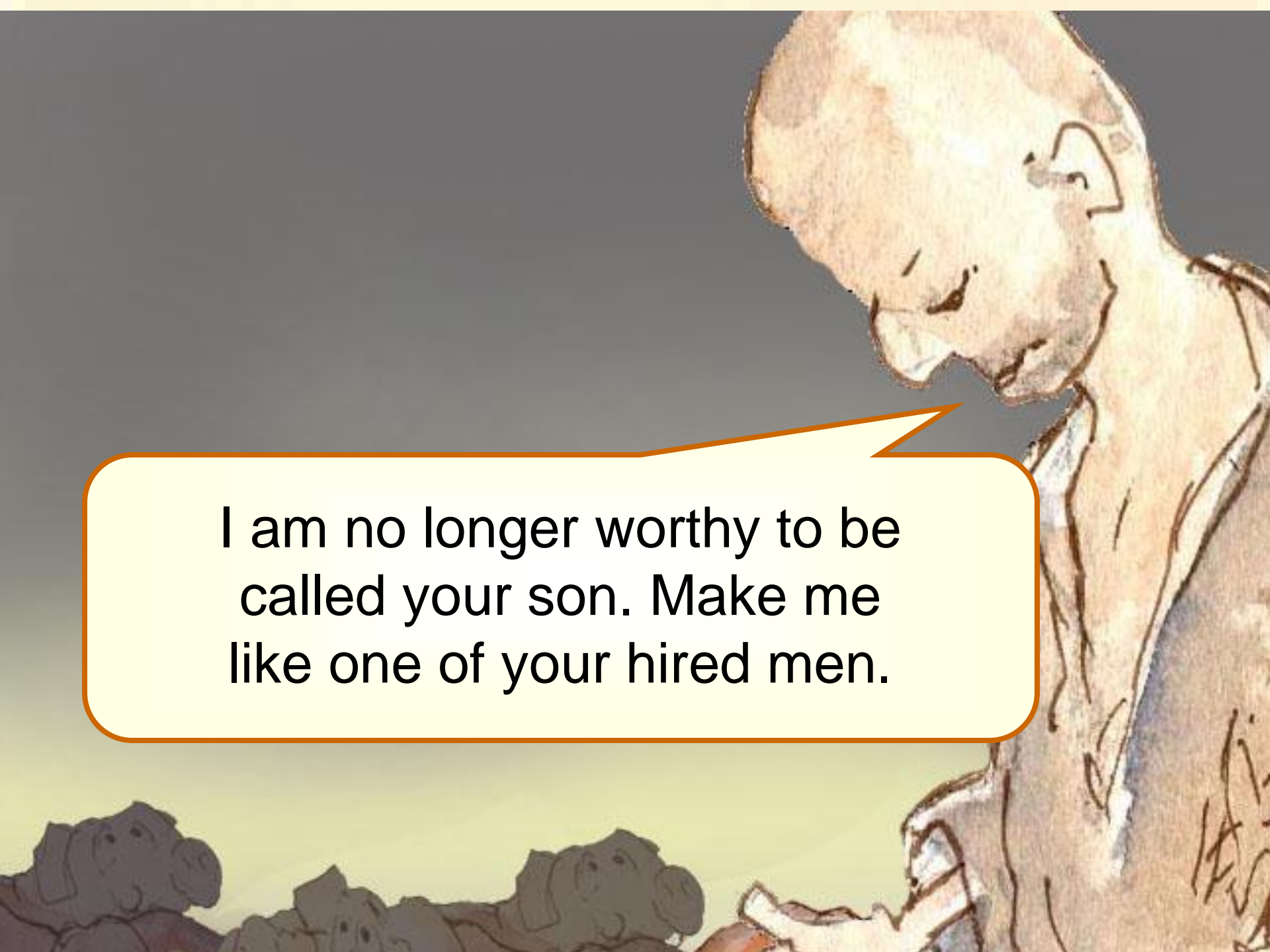


Finally, he came to his senses!



I will return to my father
and say to him...

My father's hired men have food
to spare and here I am starving.



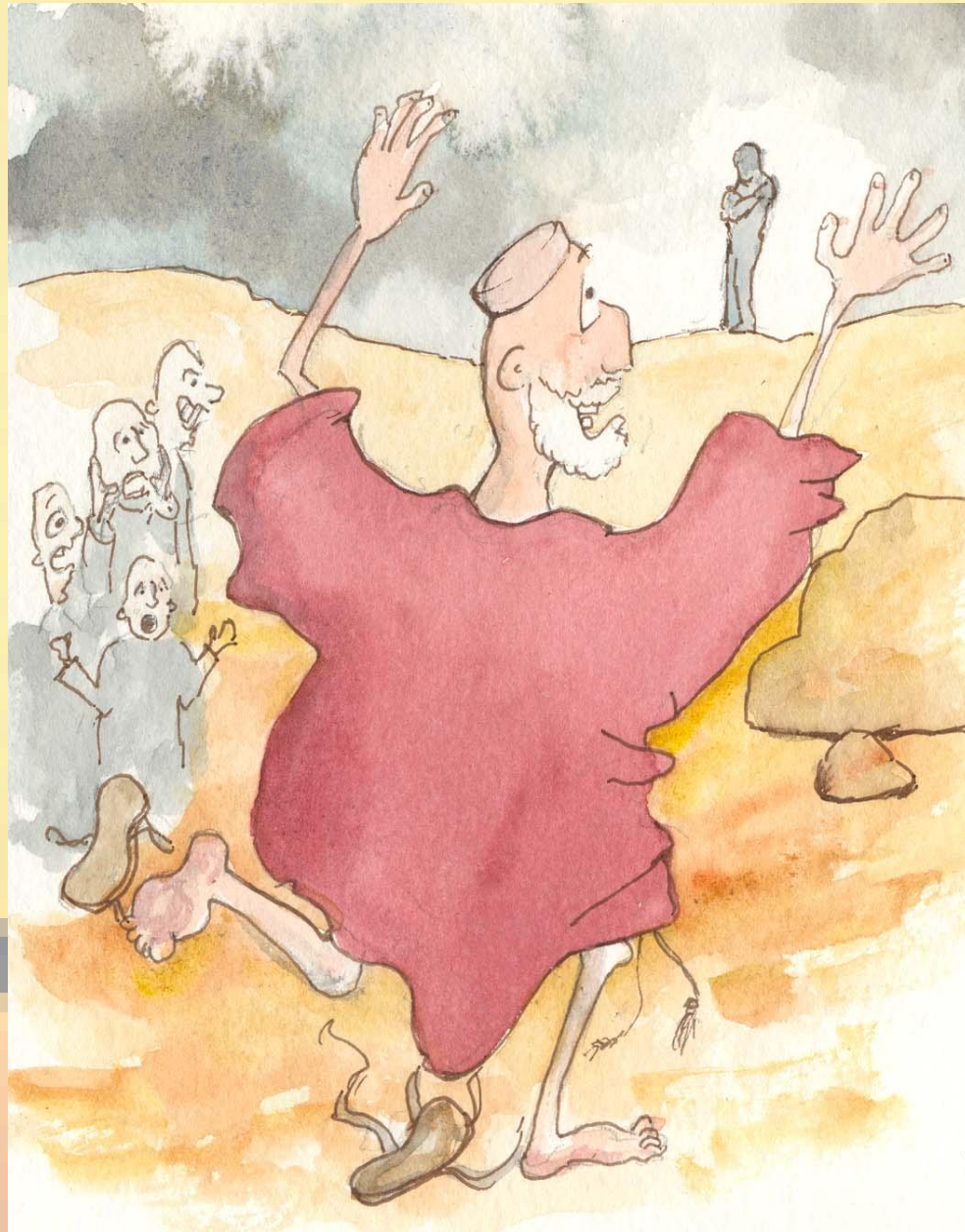
I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired men.

So he headed home to his father.



**But while he
was still a
long way off,
his father saw
him and was
filled with
love for him.**





**He ran to
his son,
threw his
arms
around him,
and kissed
him.**

**“Father, I have sinned against
heaven and against you.**

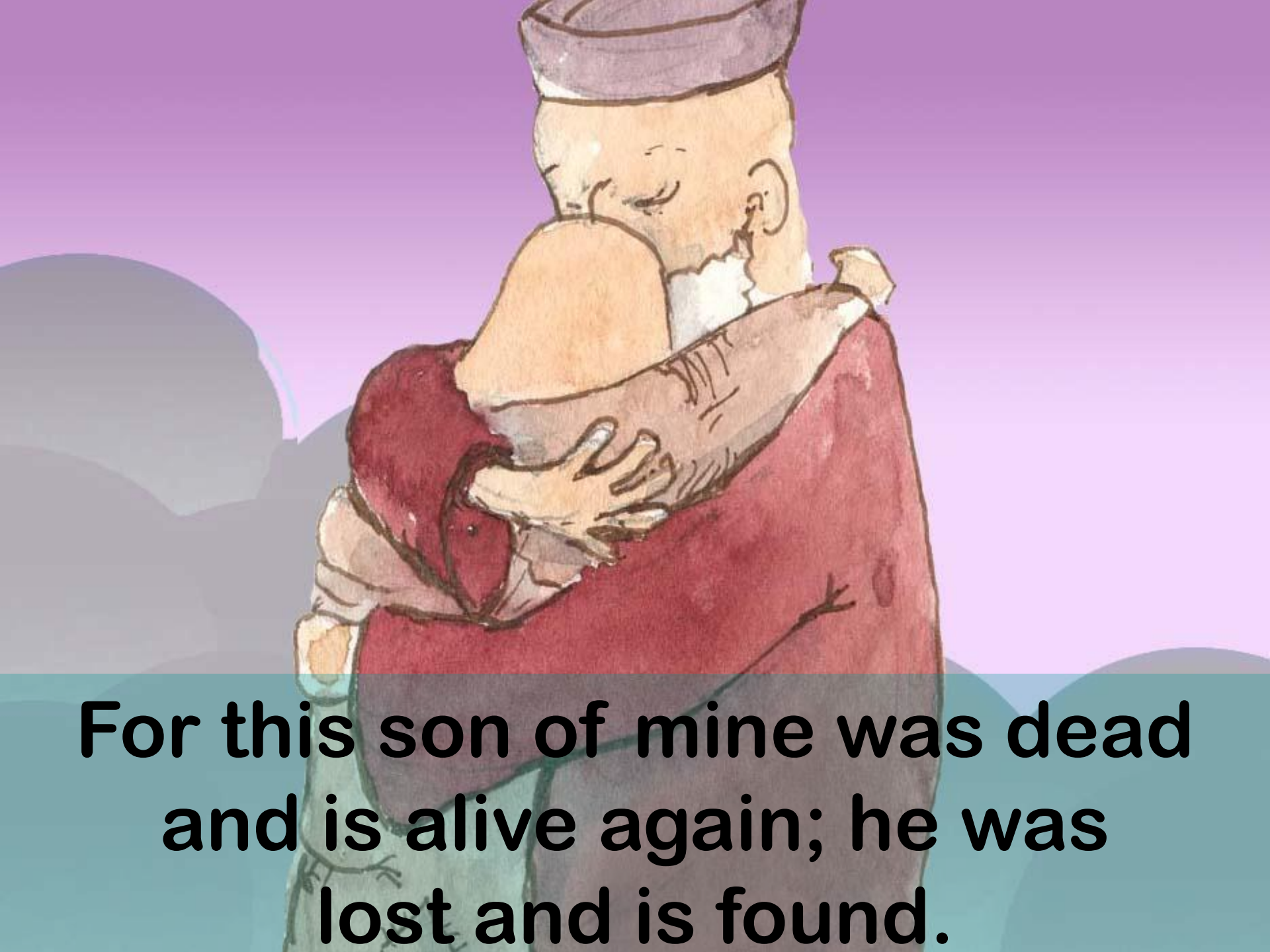
**I am no longer
worthy to be
called your
son.”**





“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.**

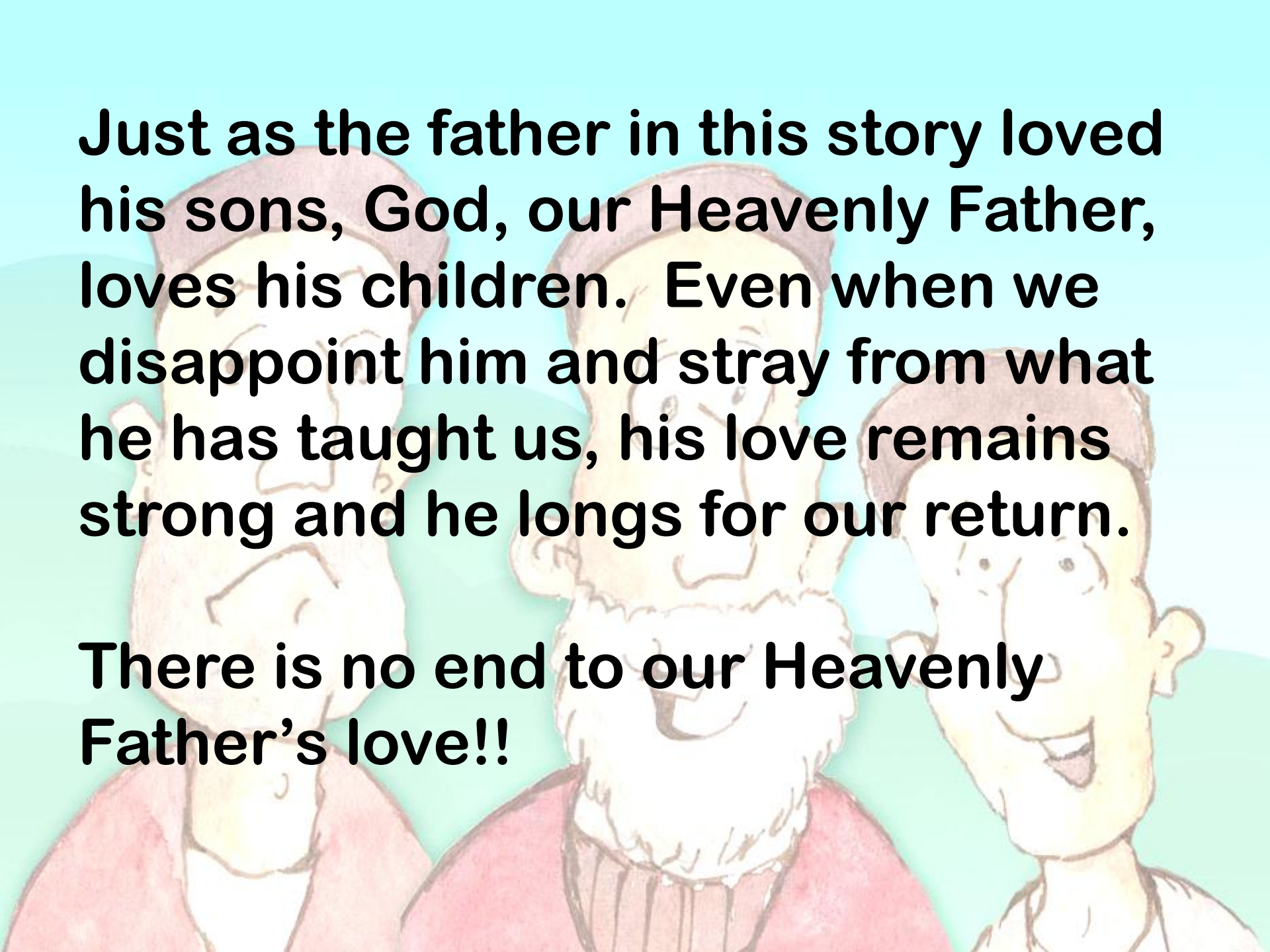


The older brother was angry and refused to join the party.

“All these years I’ve worked for you. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends.”



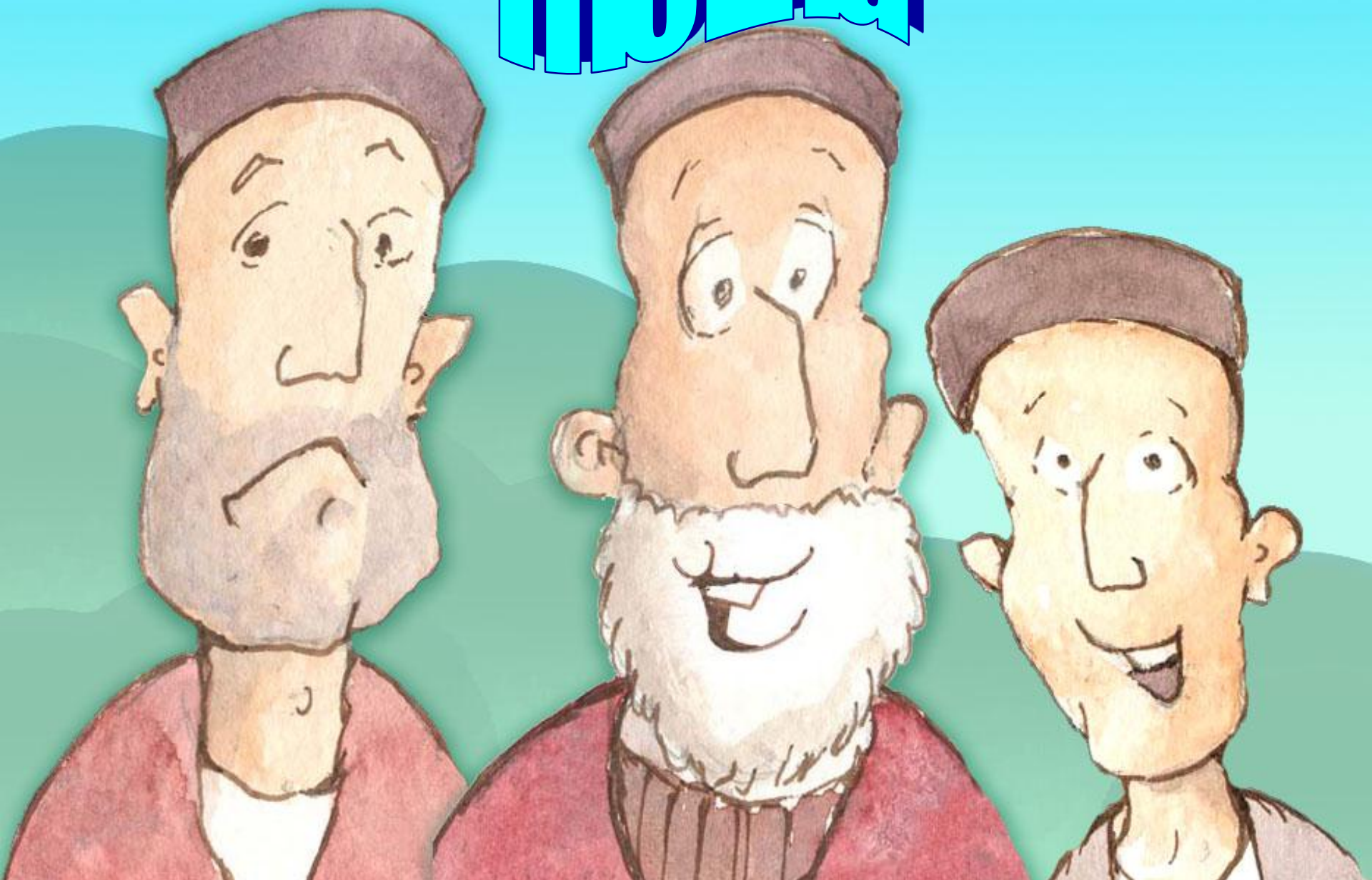
“Look, my son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. But we celebrate this happy day because your brother was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found!”

An illustration of three men. On the left is a man with a beard and a brown cap, looking down. In the center is a man with a white beard and a brown cap, looking forward. On the right is a younger man with short brown hair, looking forward. They are all wearing red or reddish-brown clothing. The background is a light green gradient.

Just as the father in this story loved his sons, God, our Heavenly Father, loves his children. Even when we disappoint him and stray from what he has taught us, his love remains strong and he longs for our return.

There is no end to our Heavenly Father's love!!

The End



Conclusion

- God is willing to forgive anybody, as long as they are sorry for what they have done.
- Everyone who prays a prayer of confession can become a child of God.
- God is waiting for each of us to come to Him and will rejoice when we turn from our sins.

Conclusion

4 steps of repentance

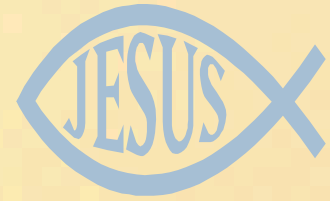
1. Feel the need to go back to God.
2. Have a blessed grief about sin and regret doing it.
3. Take the decision to go back to Jesus and never sin again.
4. Confess

Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



Pop Quiz

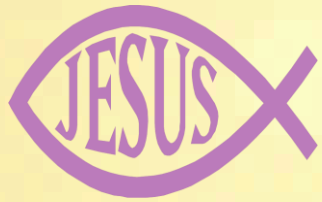
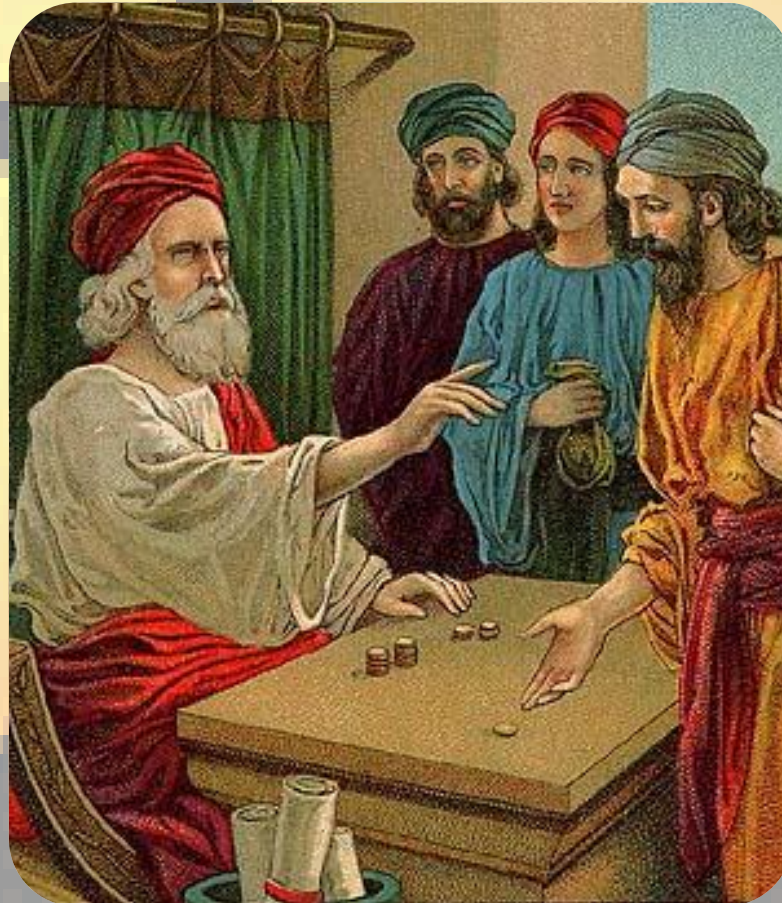


1. What did the youngest son ask of his father?
 - Give me my portion or my half.
2. What job did the son do after loosing all his money?
 - a pig farmer hired him to watch over his pigs
3. What food looked good to him?
 - the pig food looked good to him.
4. What did he finally decide to do?
 - to go back to his father and beg him to forgive him.
5. What did the father do when he saw his son?
 - He ran to meet his son, threw his arms around him.
6. What did the father do after he forgave him?
 - He put the best robe on his son and a ring on his finger. He also prepared a feast (a huge party)

The End

Next Week

We will learn about The parable of Talents.





May the love of God the **Father** and the grace of our Lord **Jesus Christ** and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





We are one in Christ



*“And you shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make you
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

