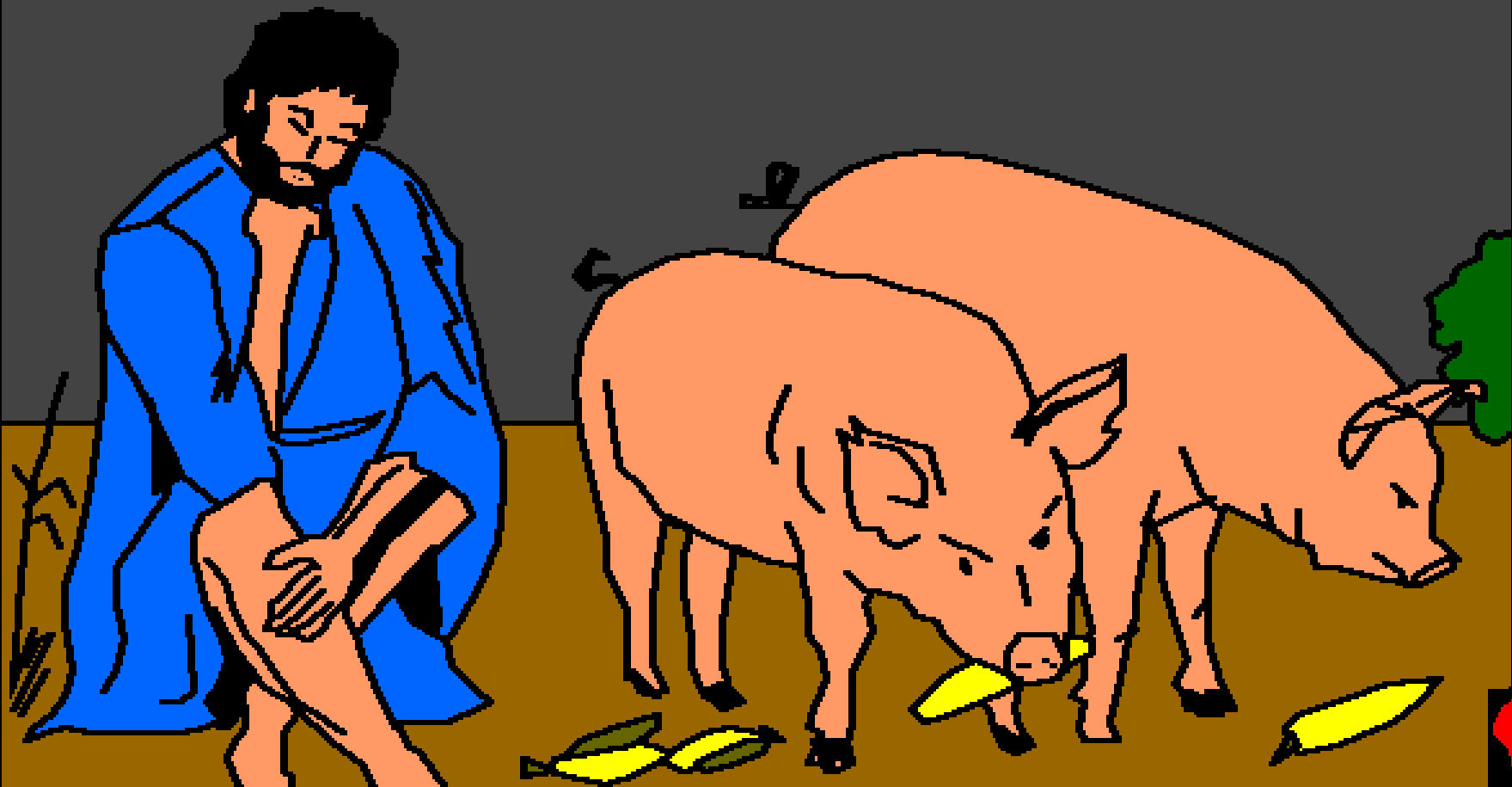


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# THE PRODIGAL SON



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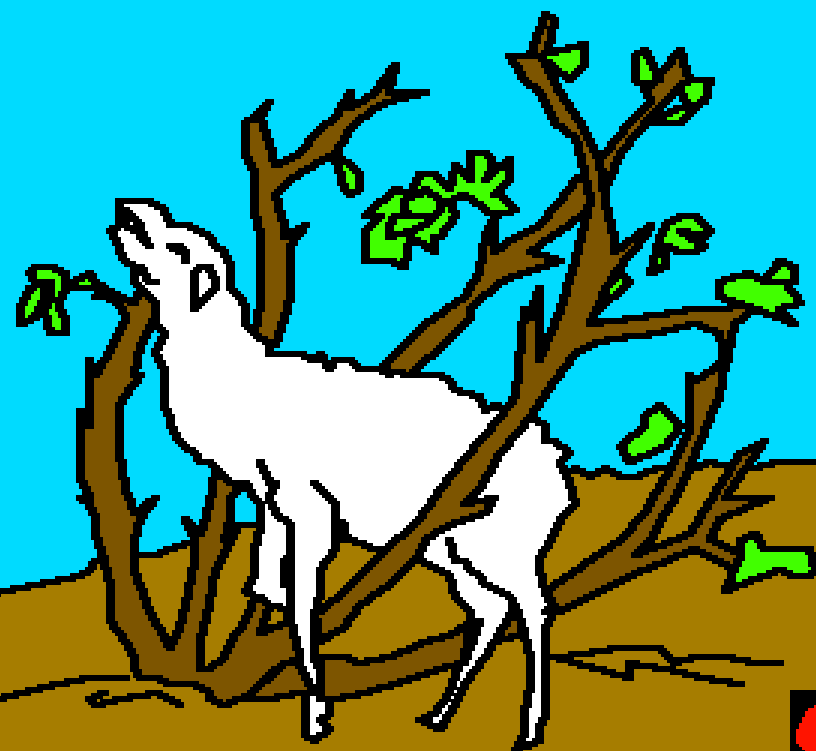
Jesus loved to tell people about God's forgiveness. But Jewish leaders complained about His friendship with sinners.



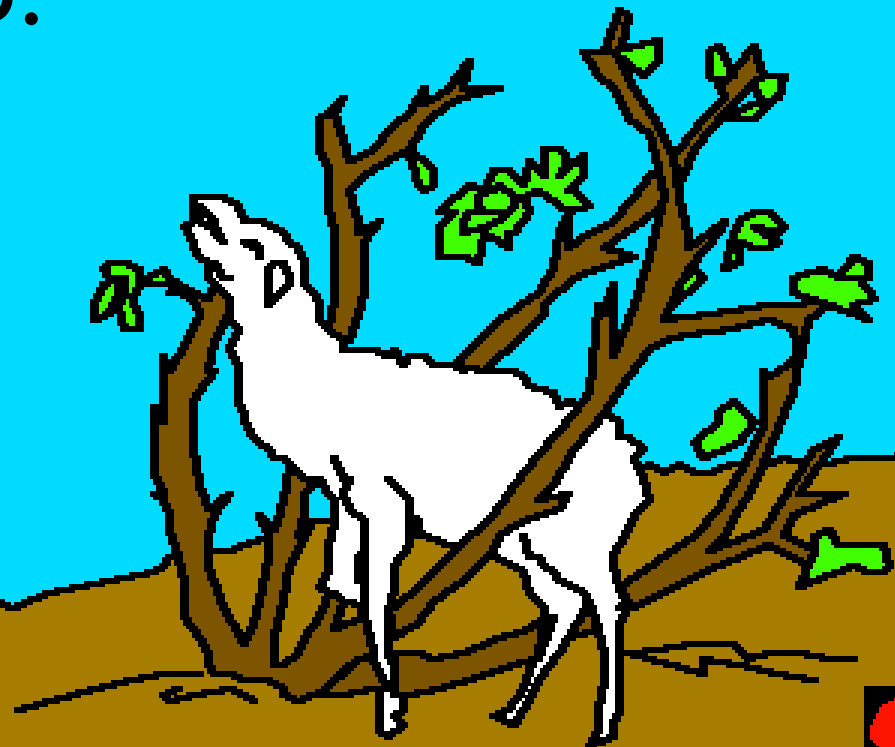
So Jesus told  
three stories  
to show that  
God is happy  
when sinners  
are sorry for  
their sins.



The first story  
was about a man with  
a hundred sheep.  
One got lost.



Right away the shepherd  
left the ninety-nine  
and went out to find  
the missing  
sheep.





The shepherd searched  
and searched until he  
found the sheep.  
Then he put it  
on his shoulders  
and carried it

home joyfully.



He told his friends,  
"Rejoice with me,  
for I have  
found my sheep  
which was lost!"





Jesus explained  
that there is  
great joy in  
heaven over  
one sinner  
who  
repents.



To repent  
means to be  
sorry for our  
sins - sorry  
enough  
to quit!





Jesus' next story was about a lady who had ten silver coins, perhaps her whole life savings. An awful thing happened. She lost one of her coins.



Sweep! Sweep!  
Sweep! The lady  
looked everywhere.



Finally she found the lost coin.  
She was very happy. Can you  
guess what she did? Yes,  
she told all her friends!





Again  
Jesus  
said,  
"There is joy  
in the presence  
of God's angels  
over one sinner  
who repents."



The third story Jesus told was the saddest. It spoke of a boy who left his father's home.



In a far country the boy spent his money foolishly. Now what could he do? To make matters worse, a famine

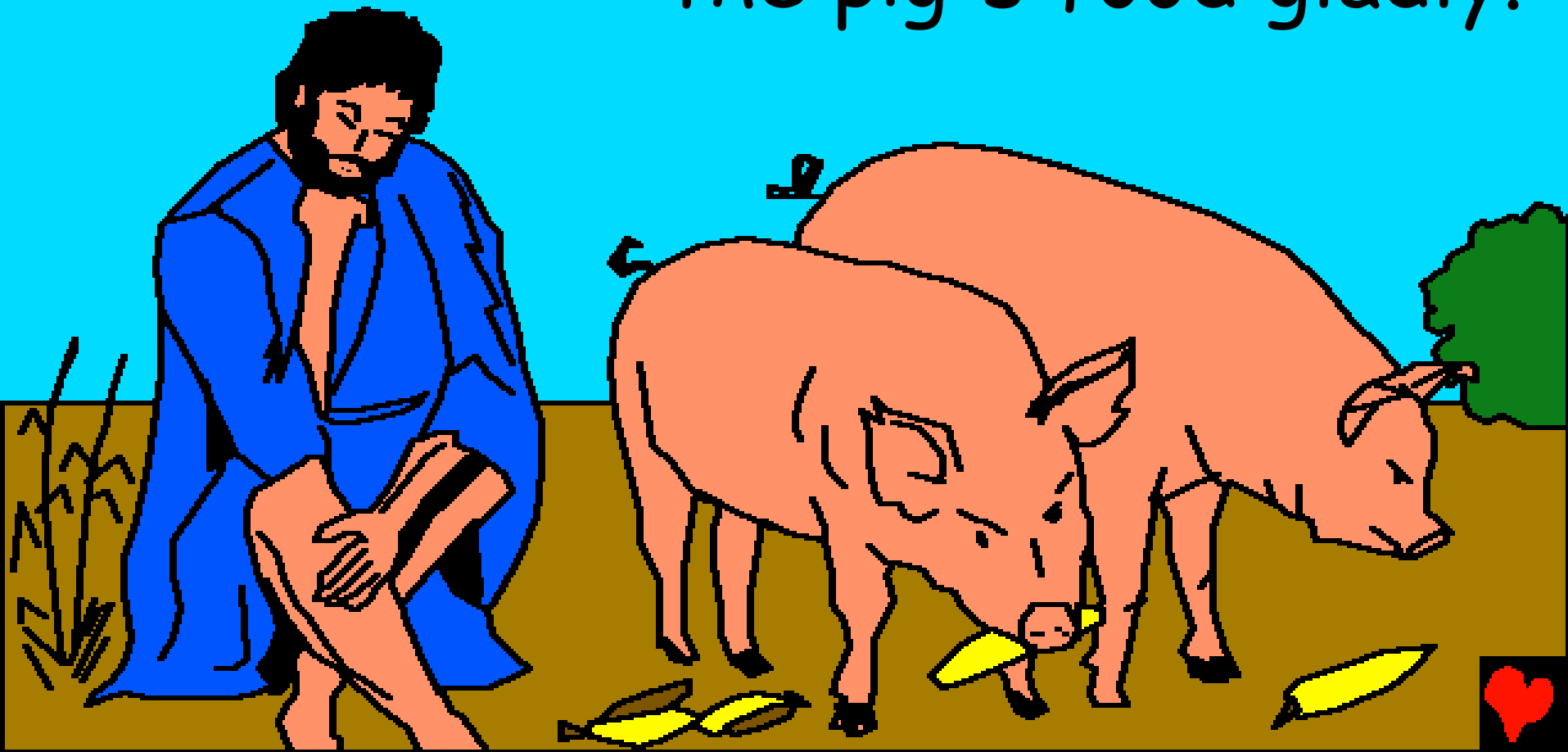


came. The boy could starve to death.

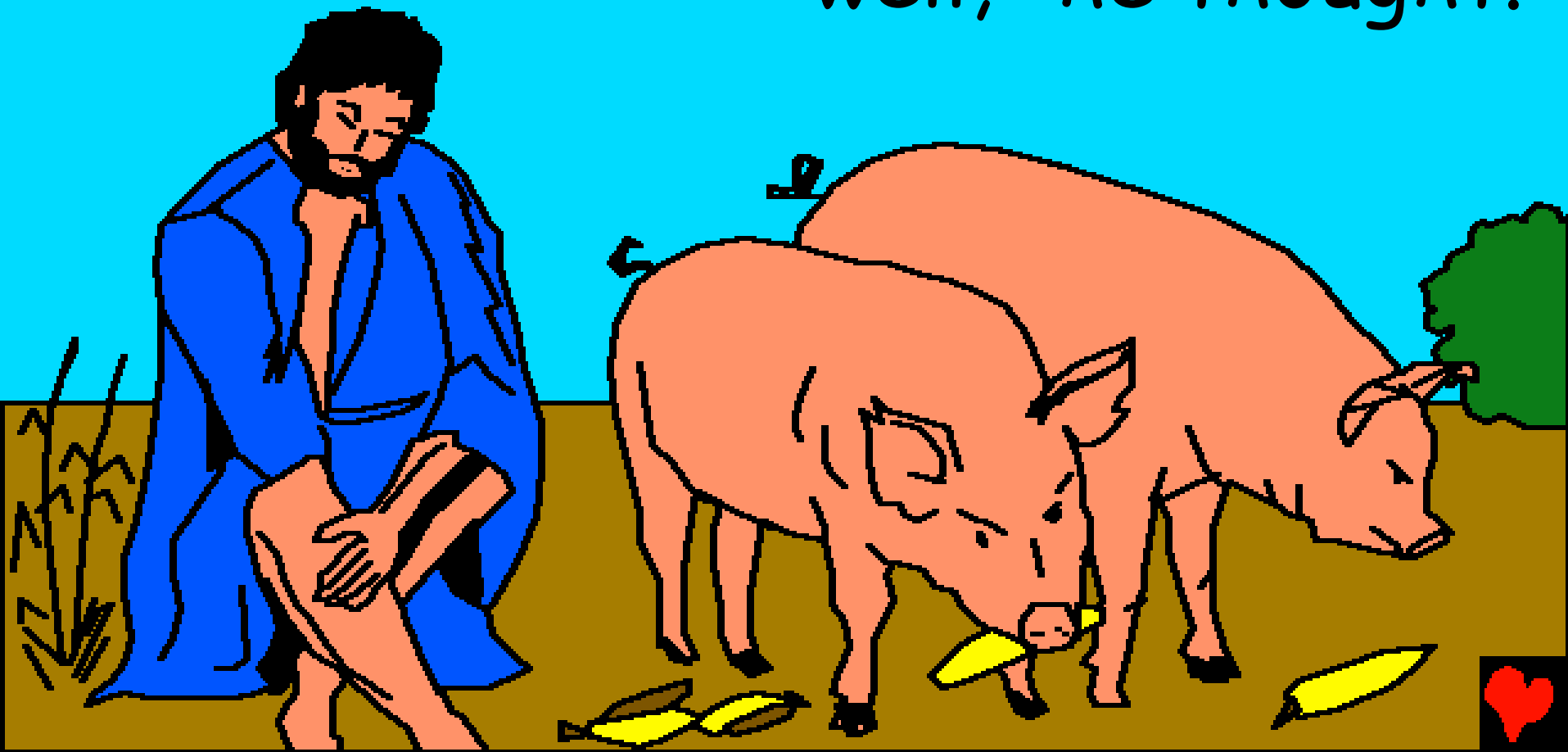




Desperate with hunger, the boy got a job feeding pigs. But no one fed him. He would have eaten the pig's food gladly.



Perhaps he did! Finally, the boy came to his senses. "Back home, even the servants eat well," he thought.





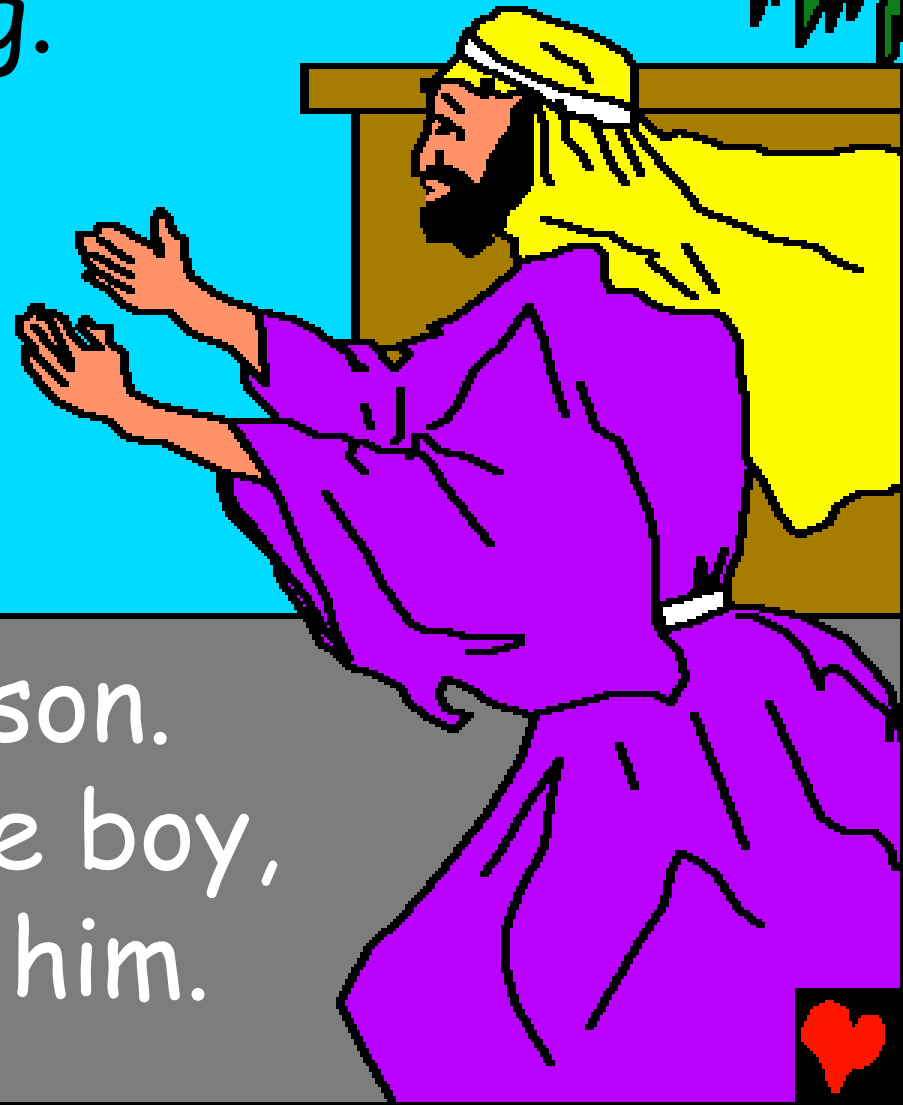
"I'll go home and tell  
Father I'm sorry  
for my sins. I'm  
not worthy to be  
his son anymore.  
I hope he'll  
hire me as a  
servant."



While the boy was still a long way  
from home, his father saw  
him coming.

Joyously,  
the father  
ran  
to his

returning son.  
He kissed the boy,  
and hugged him.





"Father, I have sinned. I'm not worthy to be your son." The boy wanted to ask his father to hire him as a servant.





But Father interrupted. "Bring the best robe, sandals, and a ring for my son. And prepare for a great party."



There was a wonderful party because the son who was lost had been found.



Jesus told this story  
because it shows  
how God loves  
to receive  
sinners who  
repent and  
come to  
Him.





# The Prodigal Son

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Luke 15

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."

Psalm 119:130



The End



This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.



If you want to turn from your sins,  
say this to God:

Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me  
and now lives again. Please come into my  
life and forgive my sins, so that I can have  
new life now, and one day go to be with You  
forever. Help me to live for You as Your  
child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every  
day! John 3:16

