

**Pre-Lesson Downloads III –****#65 PreK-2nd and 3rd and up: The First Sunday of Advent-Close to Home: Homesick***Find recorded lessons at – [MonteVista.org](http://MonteVista.org) / [VistaStream](http://VistaStream)**Also find our online worship services at the same site.*

Dear Families: Here we are again arriving at the holidays. For some this is a joyous time of year and for others, not so much. Our lessons this year for Advent help us focus on making God the center of our holidays. To enjoy the holidays is fine. We reconnect with family and friends and hopefully show our love for them. As we think of Thanksgiving, I hope we felt grateful for all that we have and not focus on what we don't have. As Christmas comes, I pray we can think of giving just as much as we think of receiving. In this time of Covid some of us will have fewer things and that is not necessarily a bad thing. We, as Americans are often focused on material gain. If we place God more in the center of the activities and quit looking so hard at all the advertisements for "things" we can find more peace within ourselves and maybe make this time better for others as well. I pray you all do have some fun and also share from your bounty with others who don't have so much and find more peace. God Bless!

**Bible Text:** Luke 15:11-24

... (Jesus told the people a story:) There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he (wasted) his money in (riotous) living. When he had spent (all his money) a severe famine (where there was not enough food for people) throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the (garbage) that the pigs were eating. And no one gave him anything. But when he came to (his senses) he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father and I will say to him, I have sinned against (God) and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called you son. Treat me like one of your hired hands.' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. (The father) ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against (God) and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Get the fatted calf and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

**Bible Verse:**

*The Lord your God is with you  
wherever you go.*

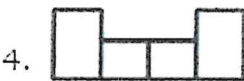
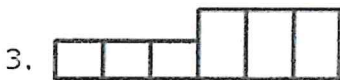
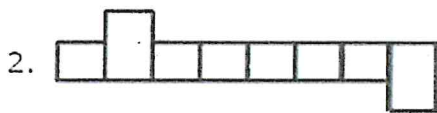
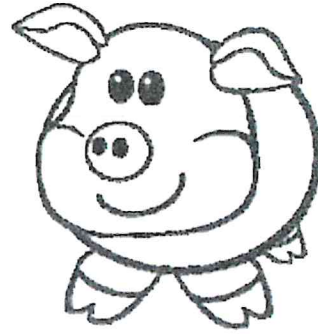
*Joshua 1:9*

**New Prayer:** God be in my head and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart and in my thinking;  
God be with me wherever I go.

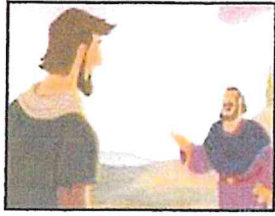
# The Parable of the Lost Son

'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.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:23-24 (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



father	wealth	pigs	lost
sons	starving	kissed	found



## The Prodigal Son Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

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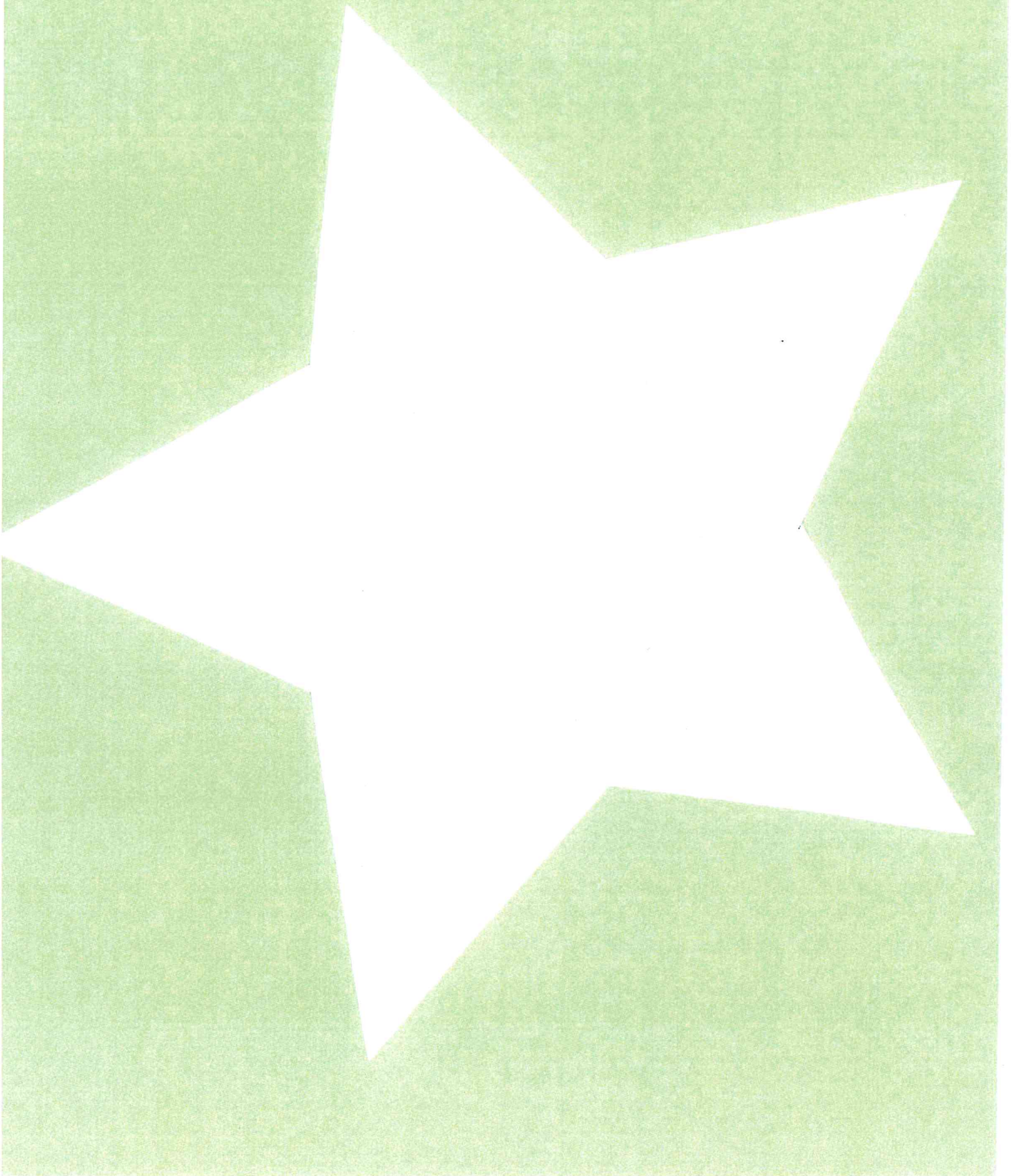
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Cut out star shape from card stock. Fold in star points.



## Activities:

**PreK-2nd:** \*Parable of the Lost Son word boxes

**3rd and Up:** \*The Prodigal Son word scramble

**For Both:** \*Star Activity

1. found

2. starving

3. wealth

4. lost

5. sons

6. father

7. pigs

8. kissed

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