



BIG IDEA

The good news is Jesus shows us God's love.

GOD STORY

The Lost Son (Luke 15:11–32)

KEY VERSE

"Tell the Good News to everyone." (Mark 16:15b, ICB)

MUSIC

"J-E-S-U-S" (*The Meeting House Kids Music*)

1 | Start

HIDDEN HEARTS SUPPLIES

- Small heart cutouts
- Big Idea heart

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Hide the smaller hearts around your home.

HIDDEN HEARTS INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Challenge the children to find the hidden hearts.
- b. Direct them to put these hearts on the larger Big Idea heart.
- c. To wrap up, read aloud today's Big Idea: ***The good news is Jesus shows us God's love!***

MAZE SUPPLIES

- Maze activity page
- Pencil

MAZE INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Explain that today's Bible story is about a son who leaves his home and later returns to his loving dad.
- b. Encourage the children to help the son find his dad on the maze. Show them how to trace a path with a pencil or their fingers.

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Early Years playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Paper
- Writing and drawing supplies

TIP

- Unlike most Early Years series, there are new Big Ideas each week in Good News! Children will discover that Jesus shows us God's love, saves us from sin, sets up God's kingdom, and does it all so we can be with God forever.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Review the Big Idea: ***The good news is Jesus shows us God's love.***
- b. Encourage the children to write a poem, draw a picture, or choose another creative way to express this good news.
- c. As they create, chat about who they could share this good news with.
- d. To wrap, pray and thank God that Jesus shows us his love. Ask for help sharing the good news with other people this week.
- e. Save whatever the children make each week of this series and compile a booklet that will help them remember what they learned.



4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Frame activity pages
- Drawing supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give an activity page and drawing supplies to each child.
- b. Direct them to draw pictures of things they remember from the Bible story (e.g., pigs, pigpen, father, son, party, etc.). Encourage them to add plenty of details and colours.
- c. As they draw, discuss their creations, the story, and the Big Idea.

5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse card
- Box with a lid
- Media player
- "J-E-S-U-S" (*The Meeting House Kids Music*)

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Put the card inside the box.

TIP

- Save the supplies to re-use in Week 3.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Gather your family together.
- b. Give the box to a child.
- c. Direct them to open the lid and take out the card.
- d. Read aloud the Key Verse. Point out that Jesus is speaking in the verse.
- e. Explain that you will pass around the box while the music plays. When the music stops, whoever has the box will open it and hold up the card. Then everyone will say the verse.
- f. Play the music and guide your family as needed.
- g. Pause the music.
- h. Prompt whoever is holding the box to open it and hold up the card.
- i. Say the verse together.
- j. Continue playing as long as everyone is interested.