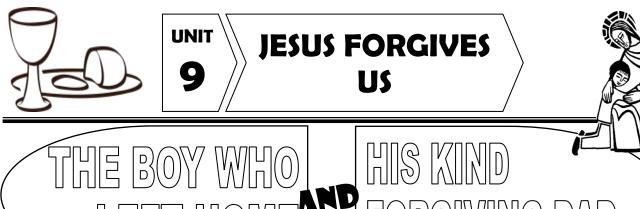
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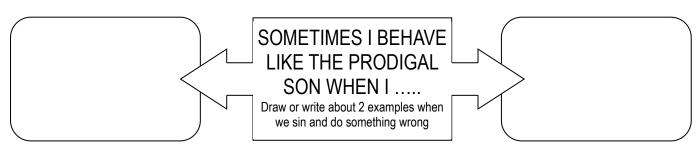


The story of the Prodigal Son (Luke chapter 15) tells us how much Jesus loves us and how willing is he to forgive us. Use these words in the blank spaces below to complete the story of this parable:

son - sad - father - selfish - forgave - go back - happy

1.	The prodigal son wanted to leave his father. He was	
2.	When he spent all the money, the son was left with the pigs and was very	
3.	When he realised how stupid had he behaved he decided to to his father.	
	4. His father him and welcomed him back. 5. Back at his father's house, he was very again. 6. When we sin against God we are like the 7. God is always ready to forgive us if we are sorry. He is like the in the story.	

Read other stories about God's love and forgiveness such as the story of Zacchaeus *(see back of this worksheet)* and the Parable of the Lost sheep.



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JESUS FORGIVES US

BIBLE READING

ZACCHAEUS



Zacchaeus had heard about Jesus but had never seen him. Once while Jesus was on the way to the town of Jericho, he decided to go and see him. Zacchaeus was a tax collector and often he stole a lot of money from the people by asking for more than he should. He was not a good person!



There were many people lining the streets were Jesus was passing. Zacchaeus was a short man, so he couldn't see Jesus from behind the crowds. He therefore decided to climb on to a tree to see Jesus as he passed by. When Jesus came along, he stopped and looked at him.

"Zacchaeus," said Jesus, "Come down! Today I want to stay at your house!" Instantly Zacchaeus climbed down the tree. He was very happy that Jesus was visiting his house. But other people were not happy. They complained: "Zacchaeus is a bad man. Jesus should not go to his house!"

Zacchaeus said to Jesus: "I have taken a lot of money from people. Now I want to put things right! I am going to give half my money to the poor! I will also pay back the people that I have cheated four times as much!"

Jesus said to him: "Zacchaeus, today is a very special day for you. God is very happy with you! Anyone can make a new start like you did, Zacchaeus!"

Based on Luke, chapter 19

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