



Preschool Lesson



Welcome Home



Whatchagaddaknow:

"You Can Always Come Home!"



Power Verse:

"Christ...died for sinners that He might bring us safely home to God."

- 1 Peter 3:18

Before the Lesson

- * Collect the items for the activities you plan to use, referring to the Classroom Supplies and Lesson Manual Supplies listed in the chart.
- * Pray for your students and for God's direction in teaching the class.

This Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Classroom Supplies	Lesson Manual Supplies
Bible Story - This week, the kids will learn from the story of the prodigal son coming home (Luke 15:11-32).		Bible Story Pictures (pg. 6-9)
Hands-On Learning - The kids will learn that they can always come home to God!	Lost Dog Poster	
Craft Option # 1 - Bible Story Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 10)
Craft Option #2 - House Craft	Crayons or markers, scissors, glue	House Craft Print Piece (pg. 11-12)
Craft Option #3 - Welcome Home Church Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Welcome Home Church Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 13)



Bible Story

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Pictures (provided on pg. 6-9)

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Pictures. Have the children gathered around so they can see the pictures.

Say- Today's Bible story is one that Jesus told to help people understand how much God loves them. Let's listen and see what happens!

Say- There was once a father who had two sons. One day, the younger son came to his father (*show pic*) and said, "Dad, I want my share of the money now. I want to go live by myself."

Say- He didn't want rules, bedtime, or chores anymore! He just wanted to do whatever he wanted.

Say- The father was very sad but gave the boy his money. The son packed his things and left home.

Say- At first, he had lots of fun and spent his money on anything he wanted. But he made some bad choices, and soon, all his money was gone. His new "friends" didn't want to be with him anymore.

Say- He had no food, no house, and no one to help him. So, he got a stinky, yucky job feeding pigs. (*show pic*) He was so hungry, even the pig's food looked yummy to him!

Ask- Can you snort like a pig? Oink oink! (*Make pig noises with the kids*)

Ask- Would YOU want to eat pig food? (*Make a silly "YUCK!" face*)

Say- While he was sitting in the mud, he remembered something. He said, "Even the workers at my dad's house have food and a warm place to sleep. I'll go back and say I'm sorry. Maybe my dad will let me work for him."

Say- He didn't think his dad would be happy. He thought he might be mad. But guess what? (*Lean in a little*)

Say- Every day while the boy was gone, his father would look down the road and hope to see him. (*show pic*)

Say- Then, one day, the father saw someone walking toward the house. It was his son! And do you know what the father did? He didn't yell or get angry. No way!

Say- He RAN to his son, hugged him tight, and kissed him! (*show pic*)

Ask- Can you stretch your arms out wide like the dad welcoming his son? (*Stretch out your arms with the kids*)

Say- The father was SO happy! He threw a big party and said, "My son was lost, but now he is found!"

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Bible Story *(Continued)*

Say- That's just like what God does when someone comes back to Him. God isn't mad. He's just so glad we came back home to Him!

Pray



Hands-On Learning

Supplies Needed: Lost Dog Poster

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, gather classroom materials. Have the children gathered around so they can see any illustration materials.

Say- Let's think about the story Jesus told again. The son ran far away and made some big mistakes, didn't he? But when he came back, his father ran to hug him and said, "Welcome home!"

Say- But did you know "home" doesn't always mean a house or a building? Home is being close to someone who loves you—like being close to God.

Ask- Have you ever seen a poster with a picture of a lost dog? *(Hold up a lost dog poster)*

Say- It usually says something like this: "Lost Dog — We miss him so much! Please help him come home!"

Ask- How do you think the family feels when their dog is lost?

-Allow time for responses-

Say- Yes! They feel very sad. They love their dog and want him to come home where he's safe and loved. And then... what if someone finds the dog and brings him home?

Ask- How do you think the family feels when their dog comes back?

-Allow time for responses-

Say- Exactly! They are happy, and so filled with joy! That's how God feels about us. When we go far away from Him—when we don't listen, or we stop talking to Him—it's like we're lost.

Say- But the good news is God never stops looking for us. He always wants us to come back. And when we do, He's not mad. He's so happy!

Say- Even if we mess up or make wrong choices, we can always come back to Him, and He always welcomes us with love.

Say- Home isn't just where your toys or bed are. Home is being close to God. And no matter what, we can always come home to Him.

Say- Let's say this together: "You Can Always Come Home!" *(Say the phrase together)*



Craft #1: Bible Story Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 10); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.



Craft #2: House Craft

Supplies Needed: House Craft Print Piece (provided on pg. 11-12); Crayons or Markers; Scissors; Glue

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the House Craft Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough craft pages for each kid to have one set. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for crafting.

How To Do Craft - Allow the kids to use markers or crayons to decorate the craft. Cut out the shapes and glue them to the second craft page to create a house/church “Welcome Home” scene. As you help the kids with the craft, talk about how we can always come home to God!



Craft #3: Welcome Home Church Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Welcome Home Church Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 13); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Welcome Home Church Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.



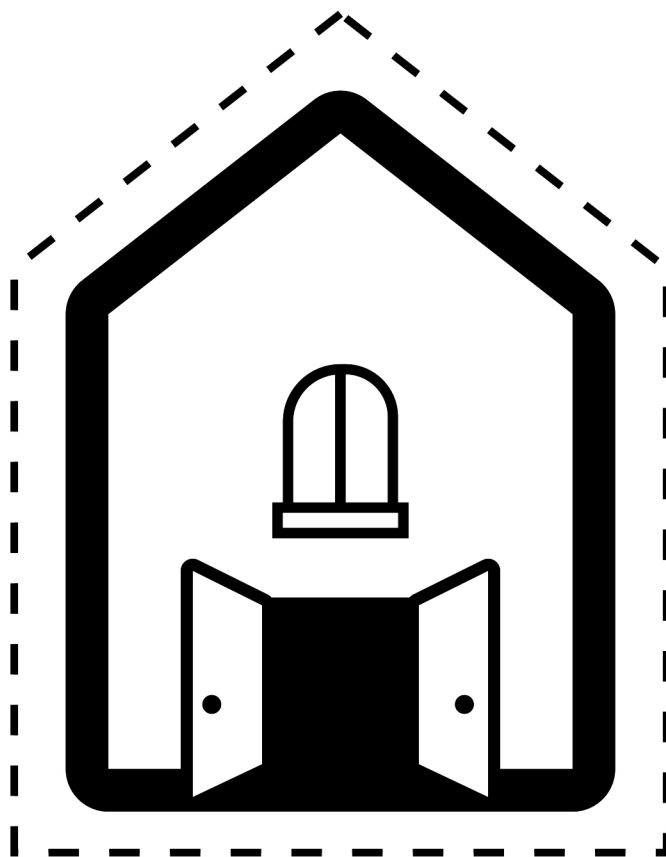


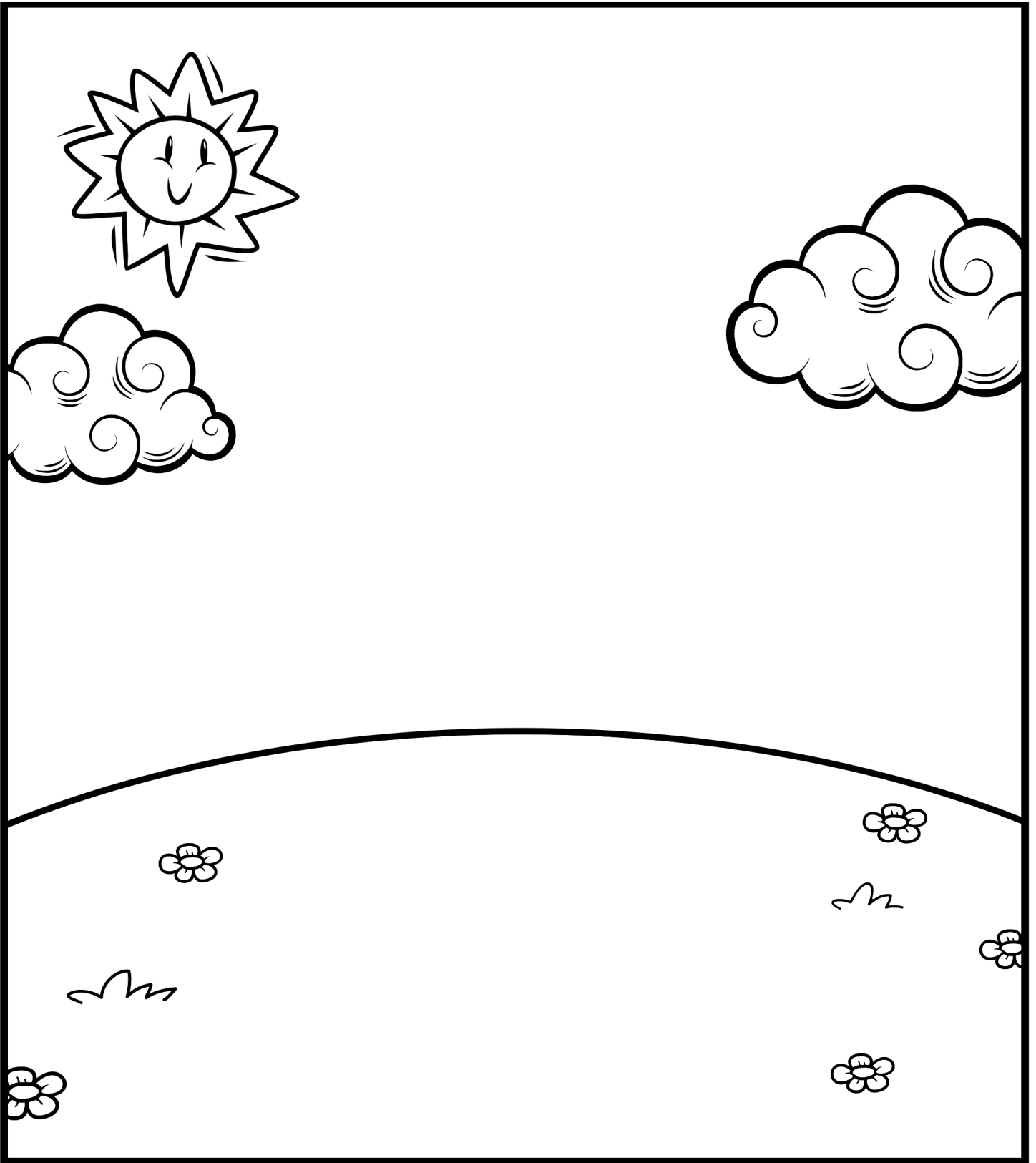




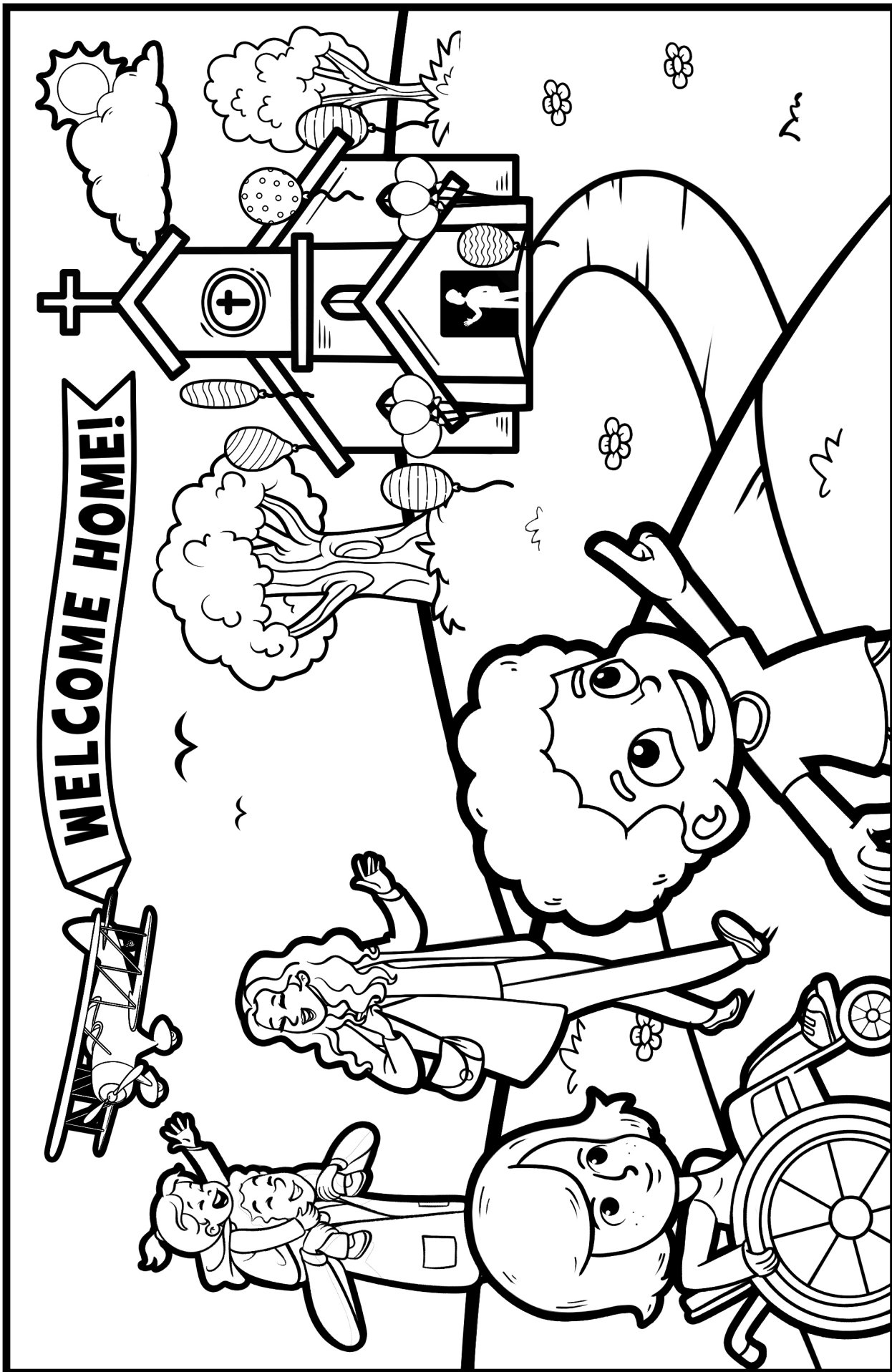


**THE SON THOUGHT HE KNEW BETTER AND LEFT HOME. HE ENDED UP
SAD, LONELY, AND FEEDING PIGS. HE FINALLY DECIDED TO GO HOME.
HIS FATHER WELCOMED HIM HOME!**





GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW...
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