

# A loving father



## Read it from the Bible

**Luke 15:11-24**

'The younger son got up and started back to his father. But when he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt sorry for him. He ran to his son and hugged and kissed him.' *Luke 15:20*

## Tell the story

A father had two sons. He loved them very much. Was he happy? **(Yes!)**

The younger son decided to leave home. Was he happy? **(Yes!)**

The father missed his son. Was he happy now? **(No!)** He was sad.

The son was having a good time spending all his money. Was he happy? **(Yes!)**

Then one day all his money was gone. Was he happy now? **(No!)** He was sad. The son was poor and hungry. Was he happy now? **(No!)** He was very sad.

"I'm going to go home," said the son. "I know my father will be cross with me. But he might give me a job." Was the son happy now? **(No!)**

The father saw his son coming along the road. The father ran to meet his son. Was the father sad? **(No!)** Was he cross? **(No!)** Was he happy? **(Yes!)**

The father hugged his son. He was so happy his son was back home because he loved him very much.

## Talk to God

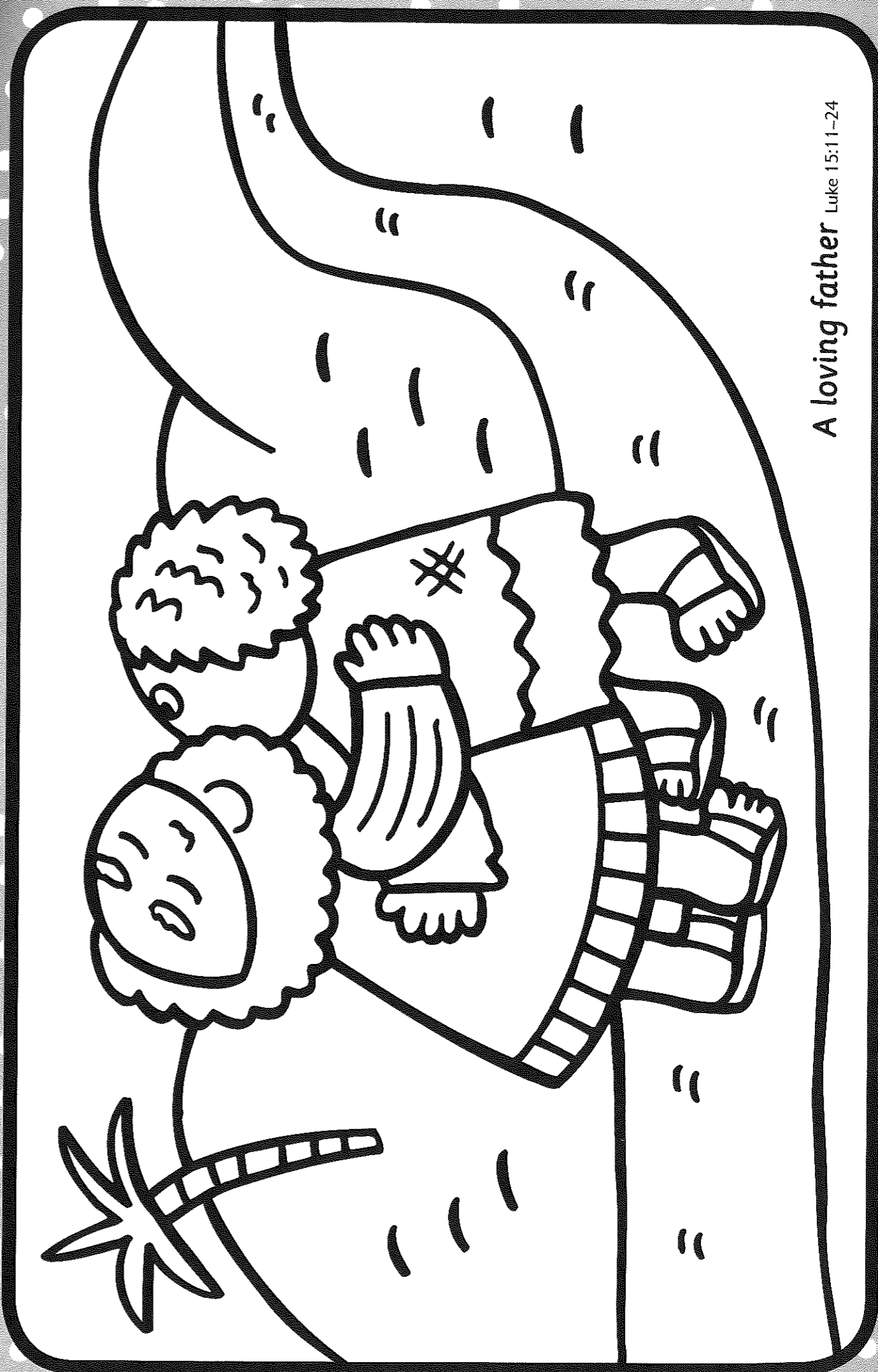
Thank you, God, that you love us even when we've done naughty things.

## Use the picture

**1** You can use the picture as an introduction to the Bible story or to help you review the story together.

**2** While the children complete their pictures, talk about the dad and son in the Bible story. On the picture, you can see that they love each other. Jesus told the story to help people know that God loves us.

**3** Chat about how people show love by drawing 'x' kisses on a letter or card. Suggest the children decorate all around their pictures with kisses to show God's love for us.



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