

Bible Stories for Young Children

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THE LOST SON

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LUKE 15:11-32

Isaiah 53:6

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This is another parable Jesus told the Pharisees:

A father and his two sons were working with him on the farm.

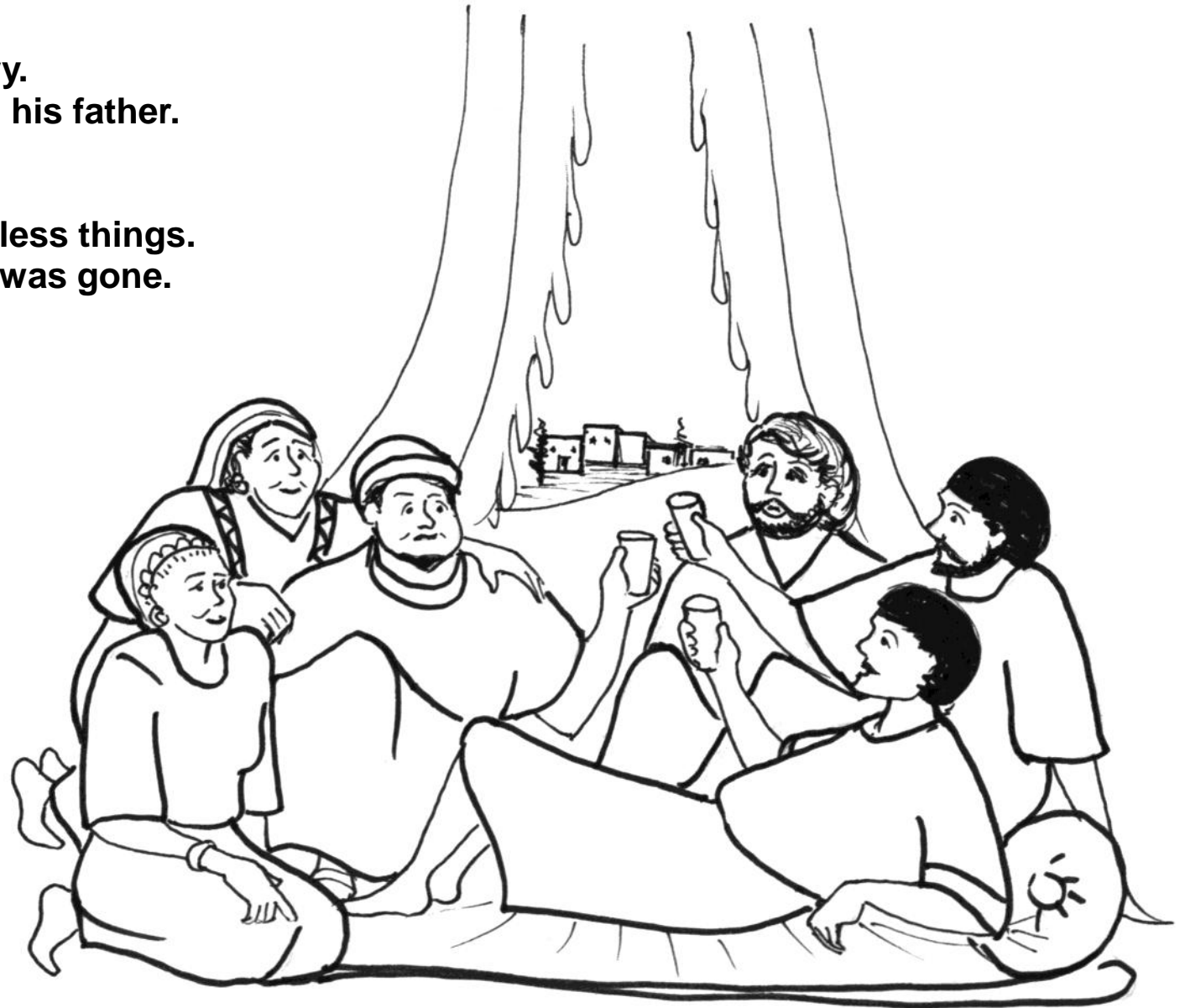
The younger son said to his father, 'I want my share of your money now and not later.'

So the father divided his money and gave his younger son his share.



**The son took his money
and went to another country.
He wanted to be away from his father.**

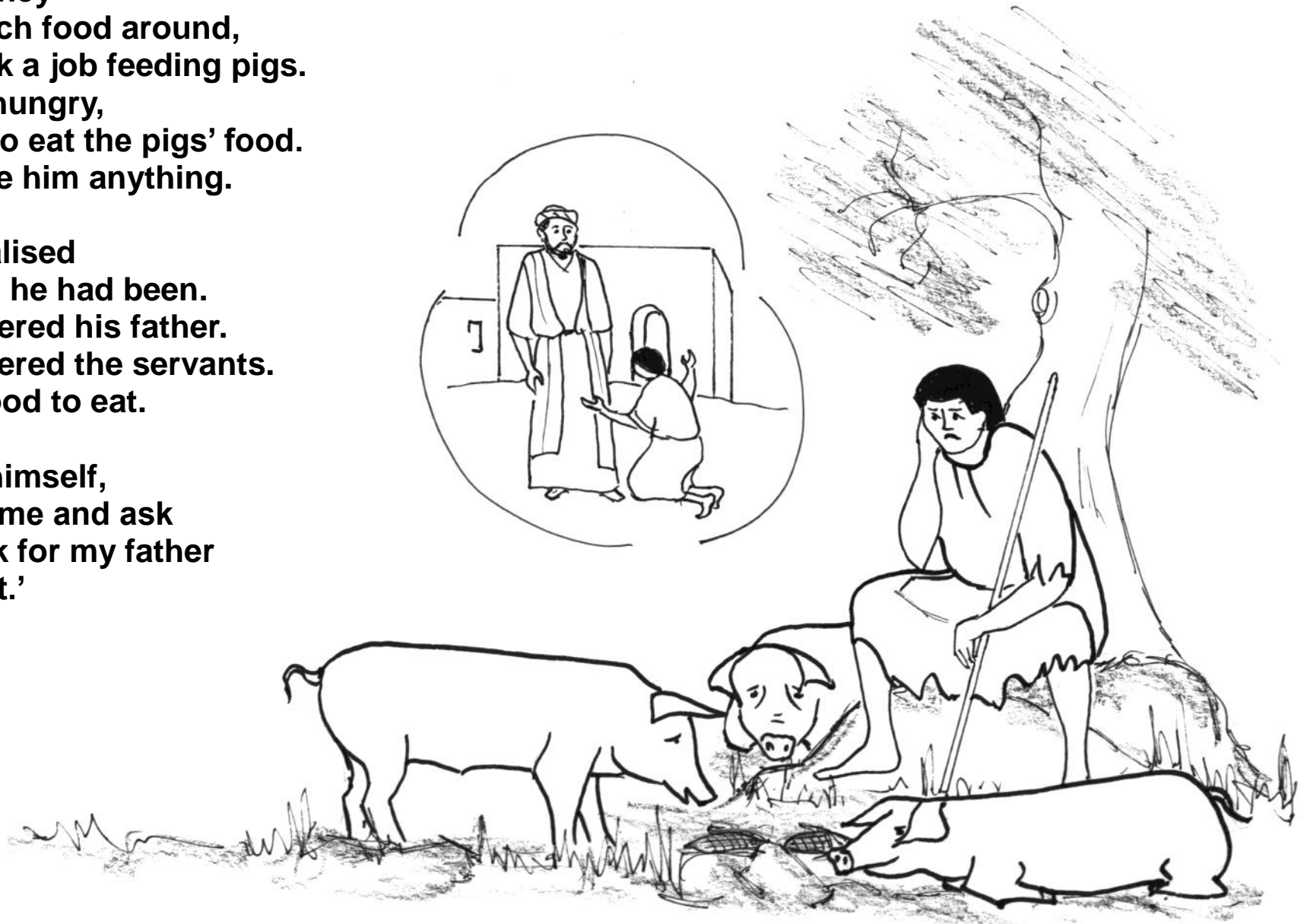
**While he was away
he spent his money on useless things.
After a while all his money was gone.**



**With no money
and not much food around,
the son took a job feeding pigs.
He was so hungry,
he wanted to eat the pigs' food.
No one gave him anything.**

**Then he realised
how foolish he had been.
He remembered his father.
He remembered the servants.
They had food to eat.**

**He said to himself,
'I will go home and ask
if I can work for my father
as a servant.'**



The son started walking home.

**The father always loved his son
and longed for him to come home.**

**Then, one day
he saw his son coming.
He ran to meet him.**

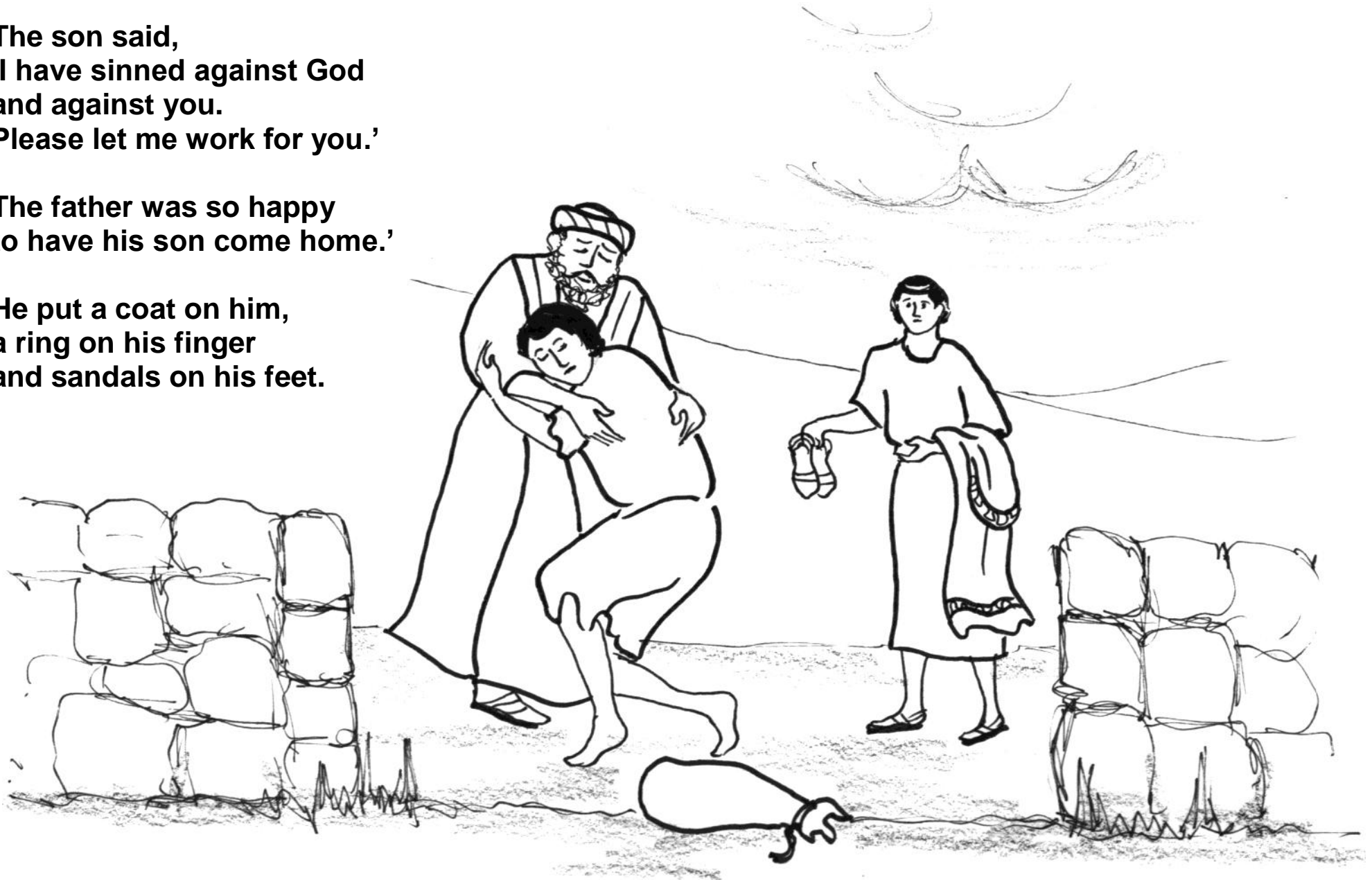


He kissed and hugged him.

**The son said,
'I have sinned against God
and against you.
Please let me work for you.'**

**The father was so happy
to have his son come home.'**

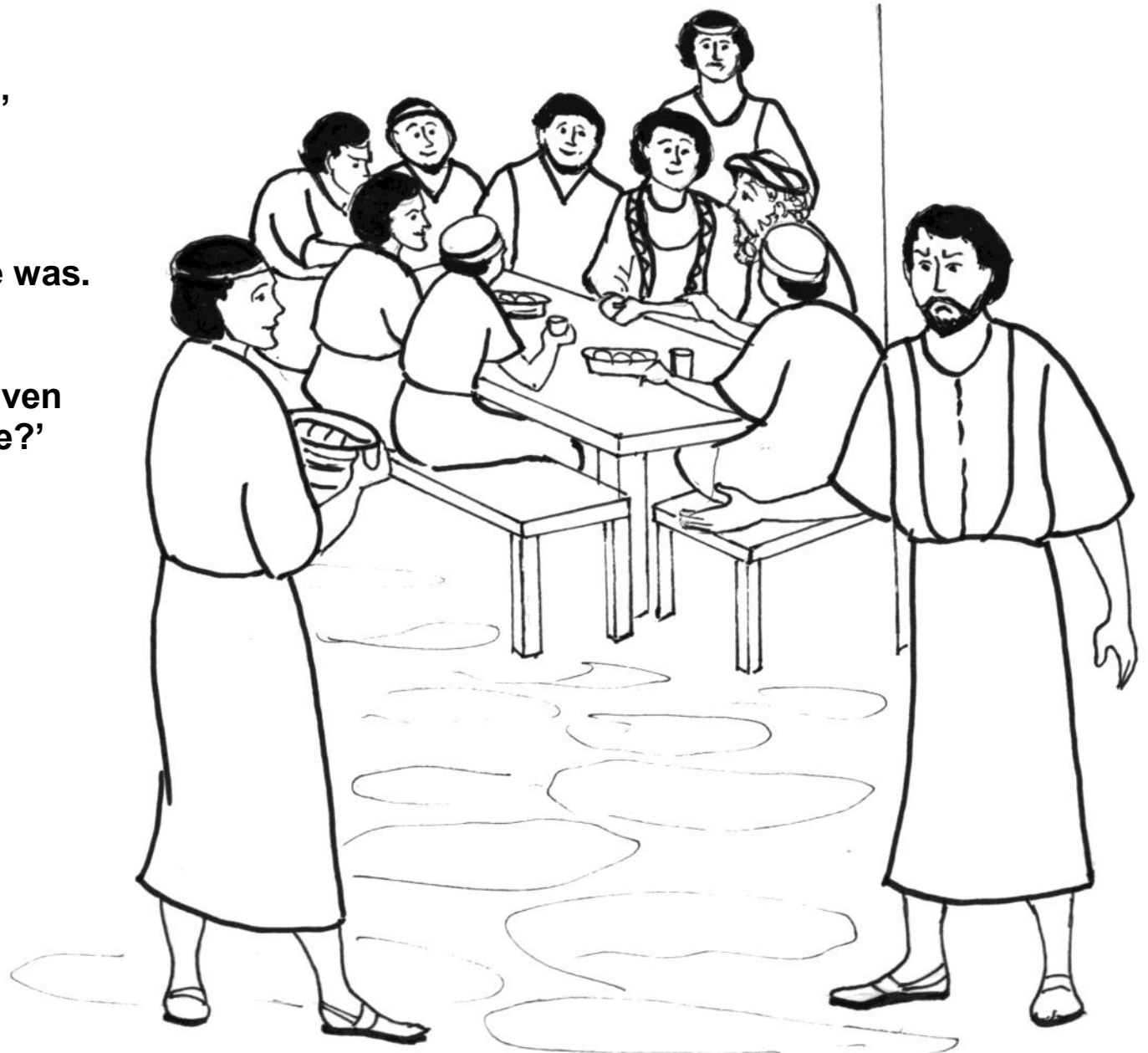
**He put a coat on him,
a ring on his finger
and sandals on his feet.**



**He said,
'My son was dead,
but now he is alive!
We will celebrate with a feast.'**

**While everyone was feasting
his older son came home
and saw how happy everyone was.**

**He was angry and thought,
'Why should my brother be given
a party after what he has done?'**



The father went to his older son and said,
'You know I love you.
We have to celebrate,
because your brother was lost
and has been found.'

*Jesus told this story
to show how God, our Heavenly Father,
welcomes His lost children back
into His family.*

