

Eat the story

Fairy Cake sheep

Use a spoon or a knife to cover your cup cake with butter cream. Add marshmallows so the top of your cupcake is covered. Use a fork or skewer to scratch two small lines onto a giant chocolate button to represent the nose. Roll the fondant icing into 2 small balls and flatten. Add some black icing for the pupil. Use a tiny amount of butter cream on the back of each eye and attach them to the chocolate button face.

Next add a little butter cream to the back of the chocolate button and attach to the sheep's body. Cut the edges off another chocolate button to create ears and attach with butter cream.



How would you feel if someone took your fairy cake sheep and ate it?

How did the shepherd feel when his sheep wandered off?

Explore the story

Disappearing Coin Trick

Place a glass on top of a coin and look through the glass from the side. You should be able to see the coin.

Now pour water into the glass and stand back and look for the coin now. It should have disappeared.



Why does the coin disappear?

Light (from the sun, or an artificial light) travels in a straight line, bounces off objects and into our eyes, allowing us to see things. Generally there is little or no refraction of light as it travels through air. However, when you pour water into the glass or jar, the light is refracted (bends) and doesn't make it to your eyes which is why the coin seems to disappear.

Know the Story Puzzle sheets

Pick up a puzzle sheet or try some colouring. Think about the story as you do the activity.

Can you retell it to someone near you?



Draw the story

Welcome Home Bunting

When the shepherd found his missing sheep and when the Father's son returned, both were so happy they threw a big party.

Help make some bunting to welcome them home.



Make the Story Binoculars

Cover your cardboard tube by gluing on some coloured card or fabric. Cut 4 strips of craft foam long enough to wrap round around the ends of the tubes. Two of them should be about 2cms wide and 2 should be 1cm wide. Add some glue to the craft foam and then wrap the wider strip around one end of each tube and the narrower strip around the other end. Secure the foam at the ends with a glue dot. Position the tubes side by sides with the cardboard/fabric seams facing each other. Add some glue dots to one of your tubes and press the two together. Use a pen to poke a hole in the side of the tube, about 1cm below the 1cm wide craft foam strip. Insert the end of your twine into the hole from the outside of the tube. Bring it through the tube and tie a double knot. Trim off excess and gently pull the twine taut. The knot will keep the twine from coming back out through the hole. Repeat on the other side.

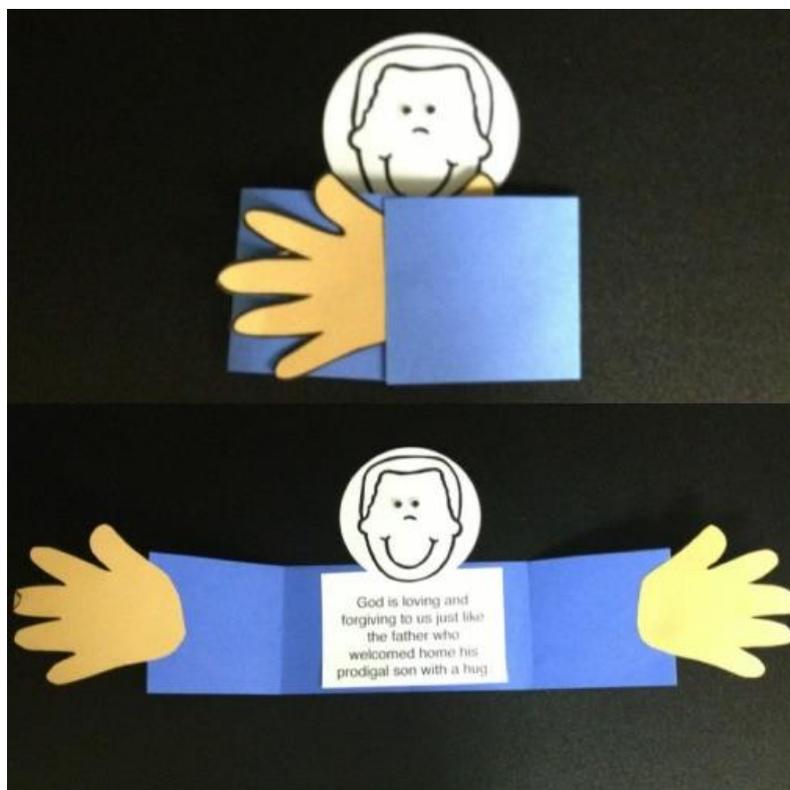


If the Father in the story had had binoculars, what do you think he would have used them for?

Create a scene from the story

Forgiving Father

Fold a strip of card so that the two ends meet together in the middle to look like 2 swing doors. Draw around both your hands onto another piece of card and cut out your handprints. Cut out the Forgiving Father template. You can either write or stick on the words from the template. Assemble your 'Forgiving Father' by gluing the template onto the middle section of your long strip of card and sticking your handprints on either side of the card. Retell the part where the son comes home and open and close the folded arms to act out the Father's forgiving hug.



Who does the forgiving Father in the story represent?