

# The Names and Characters of God

ABBA = FATHER/DADDY

“Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O LORD, do not abandon those who search for you.” Psalm 9:10

## Weekly Activities

### Conversation Starters

- \* What makes someone a good parent?
- \* How is God like our earthly fathers? How is He different?
- \* Do you think that can you ever do anything so bad that God- your Father won't love you anymore?
- \* Think of someone in your life who loves you very much, how do you know they love you? What actions do you see them do that tell you they love you?
- \* How does God – our Father show you He loves you?
- \* God loves you whether you love Him back or not. He loves you even when you do bad things. He loves you forever and there is nothing you can do to change that. In fact God – the Father loves you so much He gave you the biggest and best gift ever! Do you know what it was? Hint...think Christmas... and .....Easter.
- \* You are a child of God. He is your Father. How does that make you feel?

- ⇒ Read the bible story of the prodigal son found in Luke 15. Do you think that can you ever do anything so bad that God- your Father won't love you anymore?
- ⇒ Do you know that in Persia kids call their dad BaaBaa? Look up what children in other countries call their father?
- ⇒ Play the game “I Spy” as a family. Look for things that God your Father has made in His amazing creation around you.

## Treasure Hunt Activity

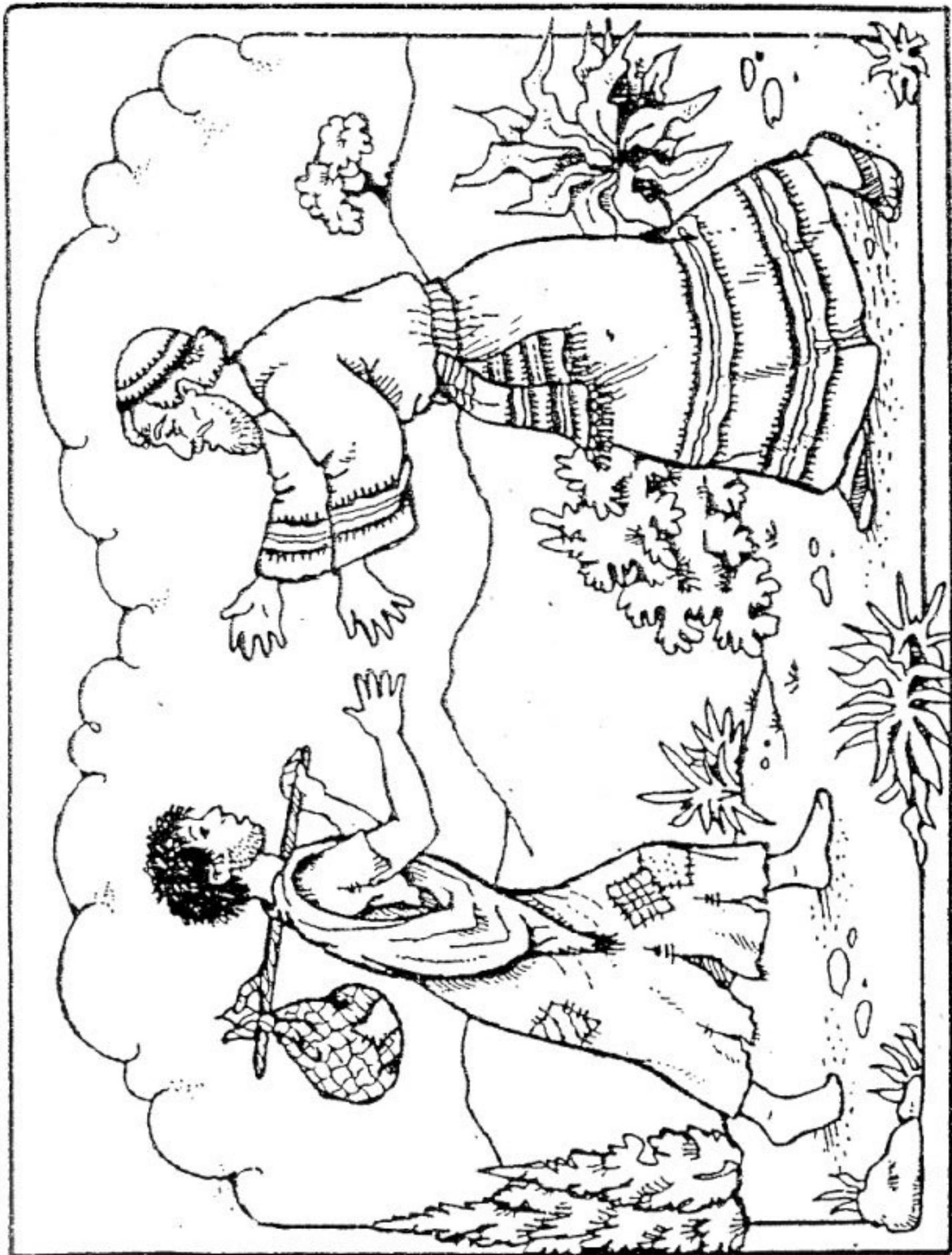
Children love a treasure hunt. Help them hunt for the best treasure of all: God's love for them.

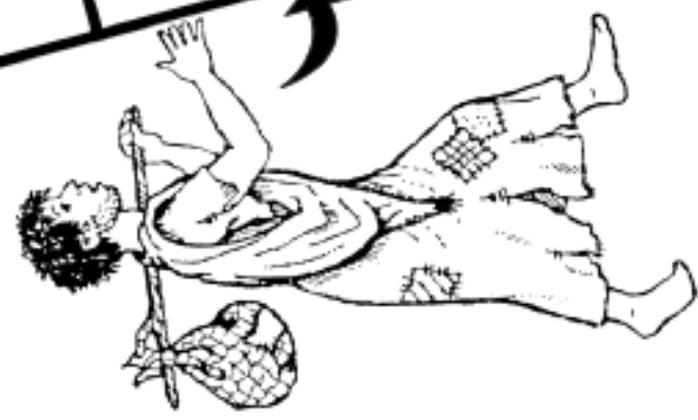
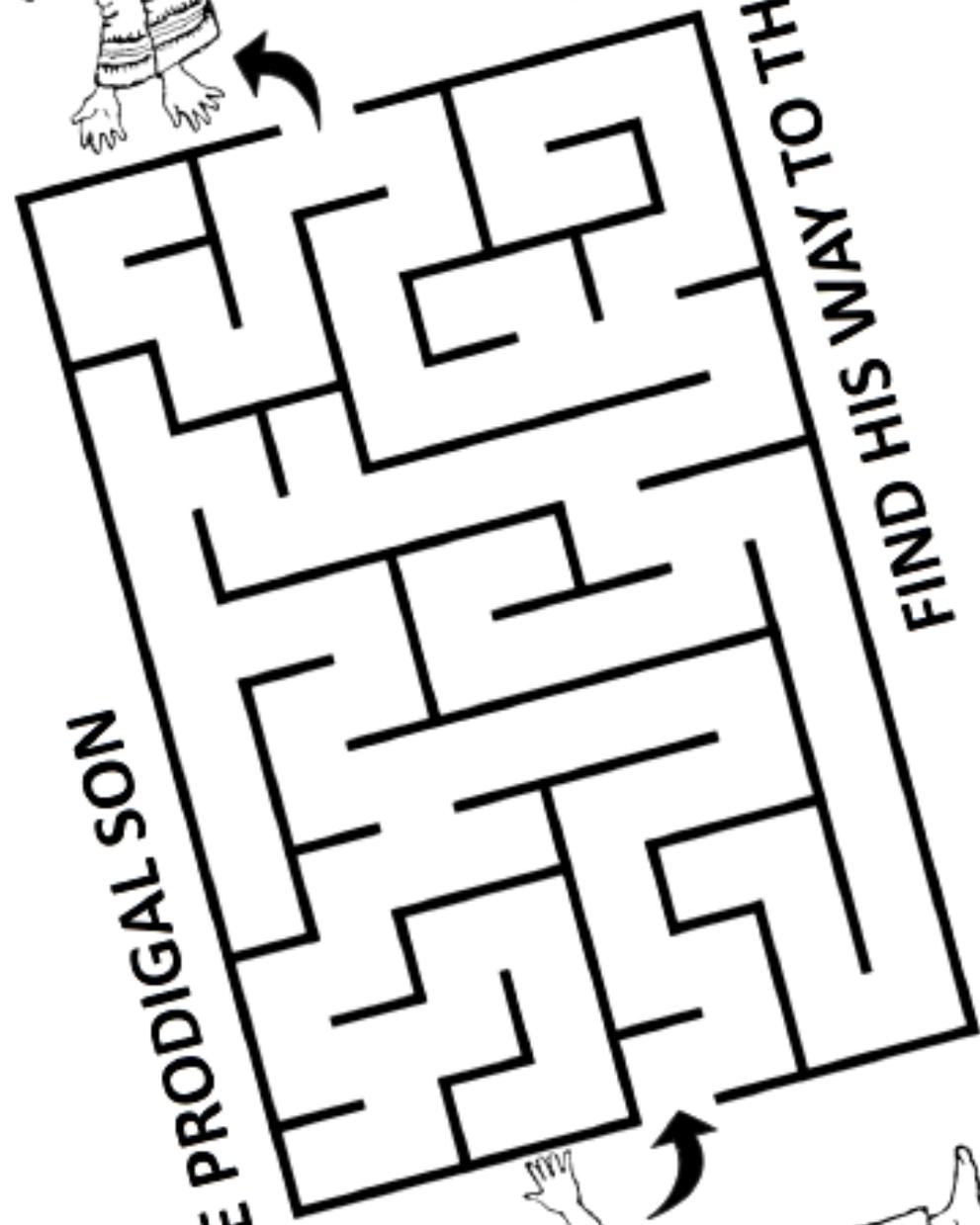
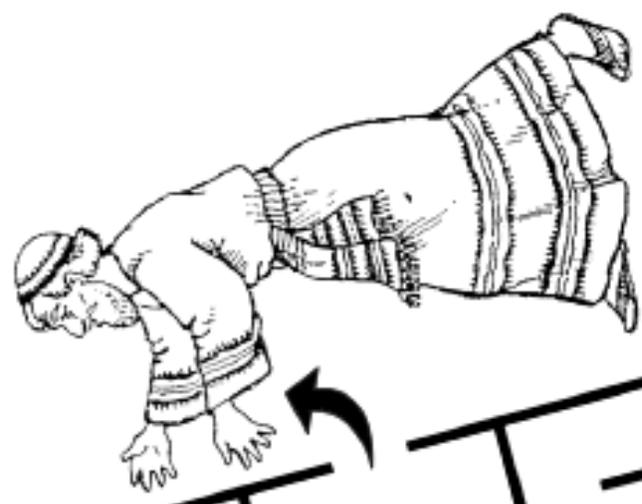
First, cut out a large heart from poster board or construction paper. On the heart, print a Bible verse about God's love, such as John 3:16. Children may decorate the heart with crayons, markers, valentine stickers or other art supplies. When you've completed the heart message, turn it over, draw intersecting lines and cut into puzzle pieces. With your children out of the room, hide the puzzle pieces, then call your children back in, and let the hunt begin. When your kids find all the puzzle pieces, have them reassemble the heart. Review the Bible verse, and explain that, the best treasure of all is Jesus' love. Now think of someone who is lonely or hurting. If the person is a child, put the puzzle pieces in a decorative envelope or bag so the child can enjoy putting the puzzle together, too. If he or she is an adult, glue the pieces to poster board, and deliver the message.

## Did you Know?

*God knows us better than we know ourselves and He knew what you would be like before you were even born, even before your grandparents were born.*

*This is a promise from God: if you ask Jesus to be your Savior and Forever Friend, you will be adopted into Abba-Daddy's family—you can become his son or daughter! (See Romans 10:13; Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6.) God wants you to know him. There's only one way to get to know your Abba-Daddy, and that's by reading his Word; it's his love letter to you.*





**HELP THE PRODIGAL SON**

**FIND HIS WAY TO THE FATHER**

**LUKE 15**