Learn by Doing

Choice Father and Son Come Together

The prodigal son chose to take what his father had given him and move away. Moving away is like taking the Lord’s gifts and choosing to turn away from Him. Like the father in the parable, the Lord always lovingly welcomes us back, rejoicing, when we “come to ourselves” and are ready to return to Him. In this project, children will create a moving picture to show the joyful reunion of father and son.

1. Hand out copies of the *Father and Son Come Together Background* (p. 2) and have children color them.
2. Distribute the *Father and Son Come Together Figures* (p. 3) and have children color them.
3. Help children tape each figure to a popsicle stick or pencil.
4. Show children how to poke the stick puppets up through the slit in the background picture and move them toward each other.
5. Have children retell the story of the father and son coming together again while moving the figures.





Materials Needed for Each Child

one each of *Father and Son Come Together Background*, p. 2 and *Father and Son Come Together Figures,* p. 3 copied or mounted onto stiff paper; markers or crayons; 2 popsicle sticks or unsharpened pencils; tape

Prepare in Advance

Copy handouts on stiff paper if possible. Cut along the diagonal slit in the *Father and Son Come Together Background*, p. 2. (Use a sharp blade and cutting mat or fold page and make a snip on the line, then unfold to complete cutting). Cut out the *Father and Son Come Together Figures,* p. 3. Mount on stiff paper if not already printed that way.

New Church Concept
Nakedness

“Naked” denotes those who are not in truths, and yet long for truths, and also those who acknowledge that there is nothing of good and truth in them. *Arcana Coelestia* 9960.9

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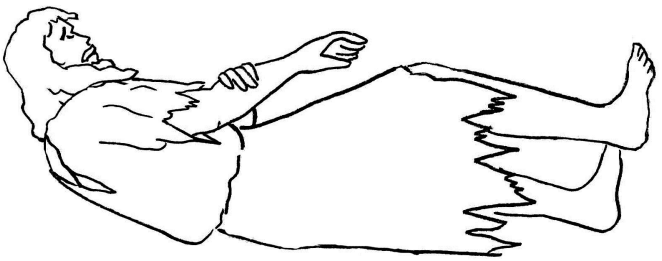
Father and Son Come Together Background

Cut around the figures, leaving a margin of blank space as shown. Each child needs one father and one son figure.















Father and Son Come Together Figures