

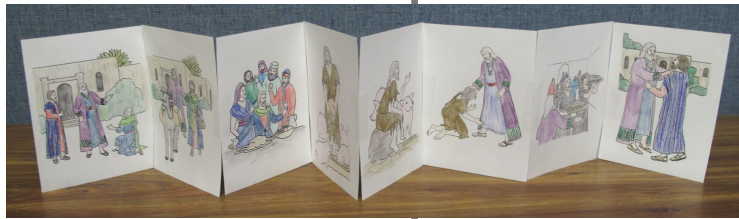
# Learn by Doing

## Choice

### Prodigal Son Accordion Display

The parable of the prodigal son teaches that even when we choose to move away from the Lord, He will always welcome us back with open arms when we "come to ourselves" and are ready to return to Him. In this project, children sequence pictures of the story to create a table-top display to help them remember the parable.

1. Give each child a set of cut apart *Parable Pictures A-B* (pp. 2-3) and have them arrange the pictures in order in front of them. Read the story sequence list below if children need help in ordering the pictures.
2. Once pictures are in order, have children tape the individual pictures together, creating "seams" which will fold to make an accordion. One small piece of tape in the center of each "seam" works fine.
3. Show children how to fold the display back and forth to make it stand.
4. Invite the children to retell the story, using their sequenced pictures.
5. Color the pictures.



#### Story Sequence:

1. A father had two sons, and the younger one asked for his inheritance.
2. The younger son took the inheritance his father gave him and went away to a far country.
3. The son wasted his inheritance on prodigal living.
4. There was a famine, and the son had to feed pigs to survive.
5. The son came to himself and decided to go home.
6. The son offered to become his father's servant, but the father was overjoyed to see him.
7. The father gave his son clothes and a ring and told his servants to prepare a feast.
8. The older son was angry, but the father reminded him that he loved both of his children.

#### Materials Needed for Each Student

*Parable Pictures A-B* pp. 2-3, crayons or markers, tape

#### Prepare in Advance

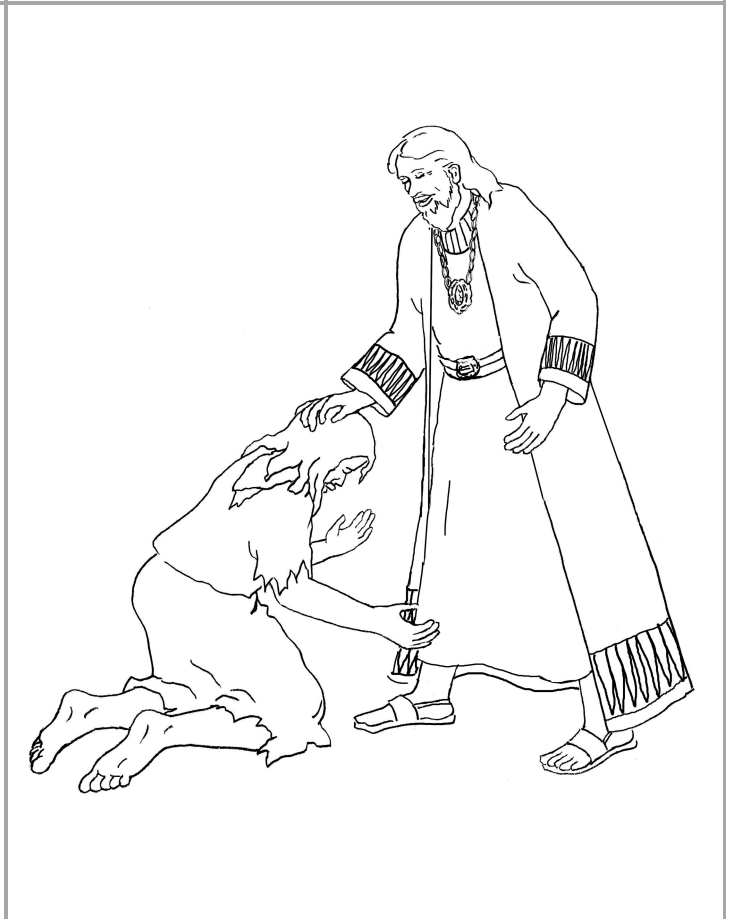
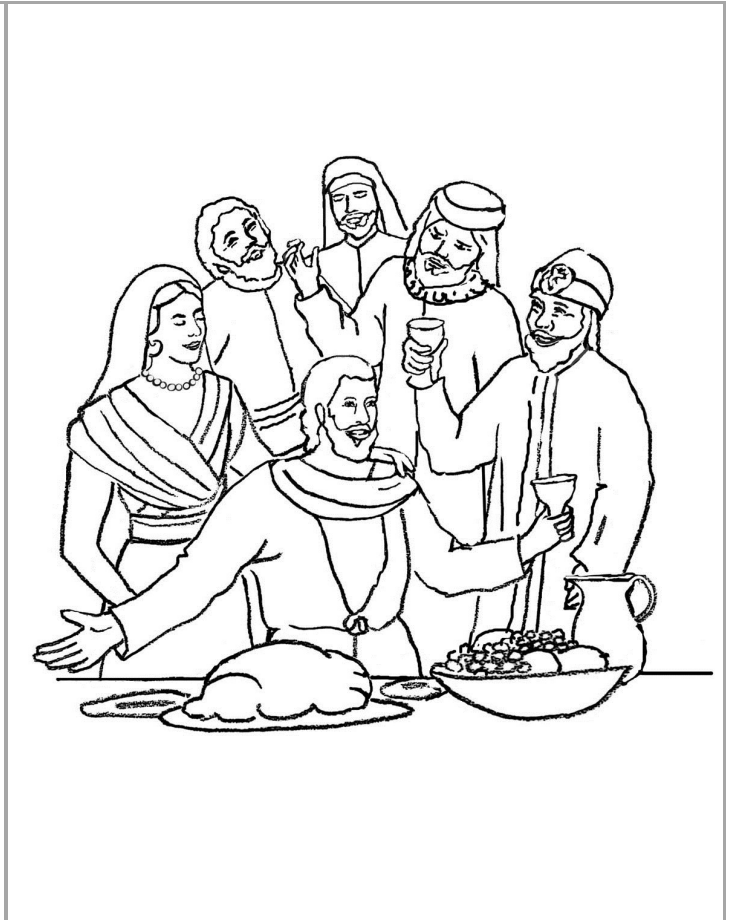
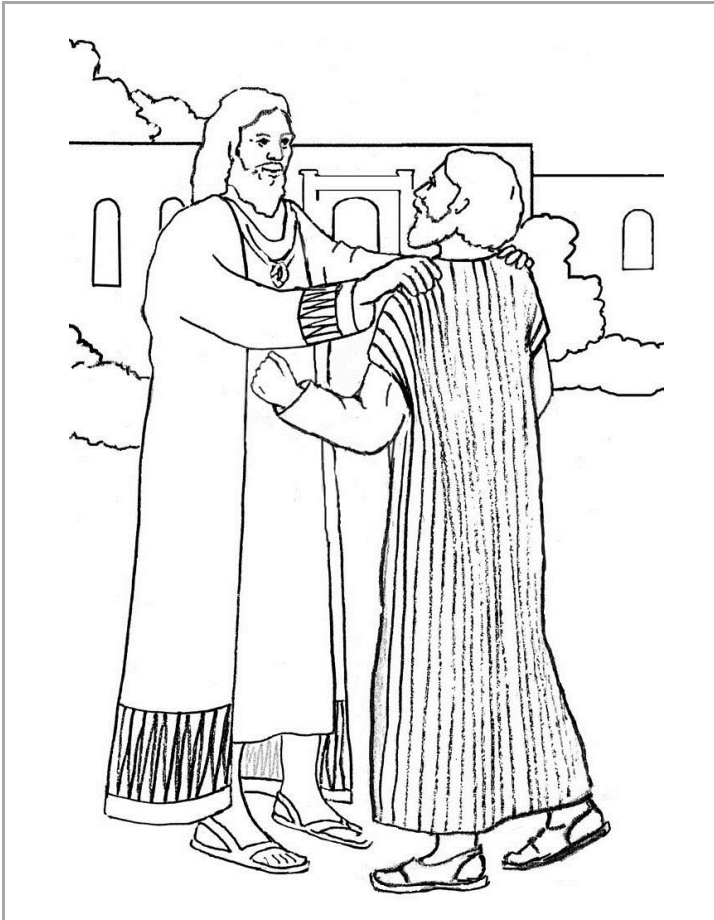
Cut the picture pages apart along the gray lines. (*Hint:* use a paper cutter for ease and accuracy.)

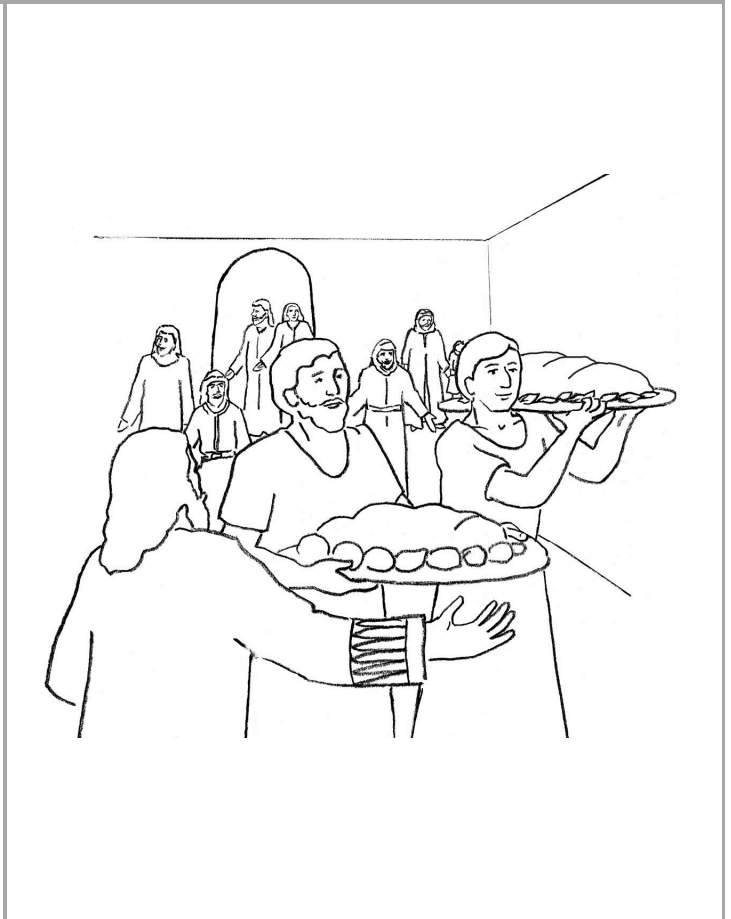
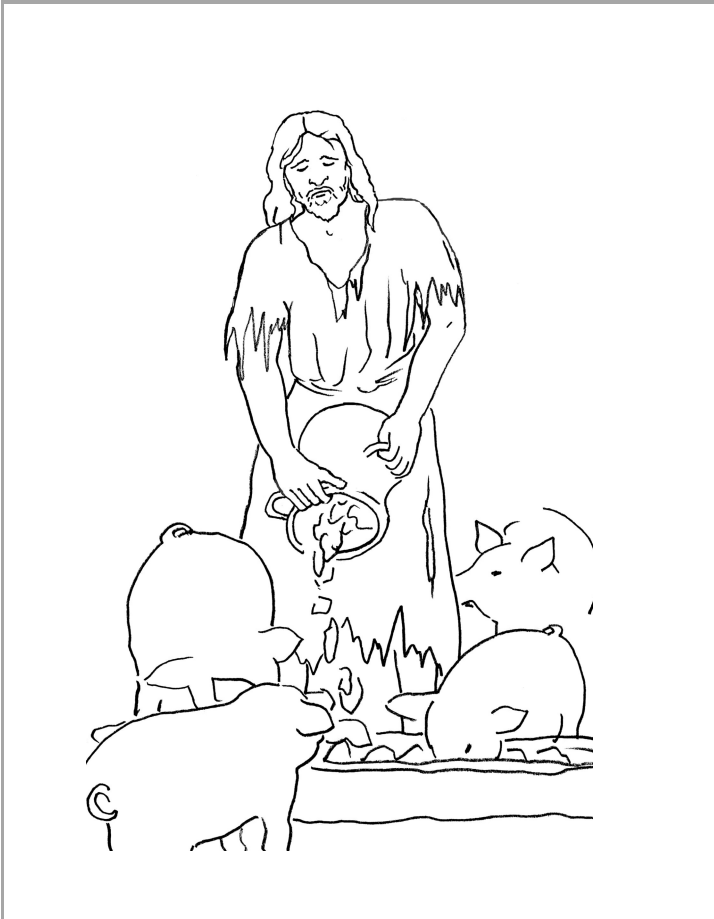
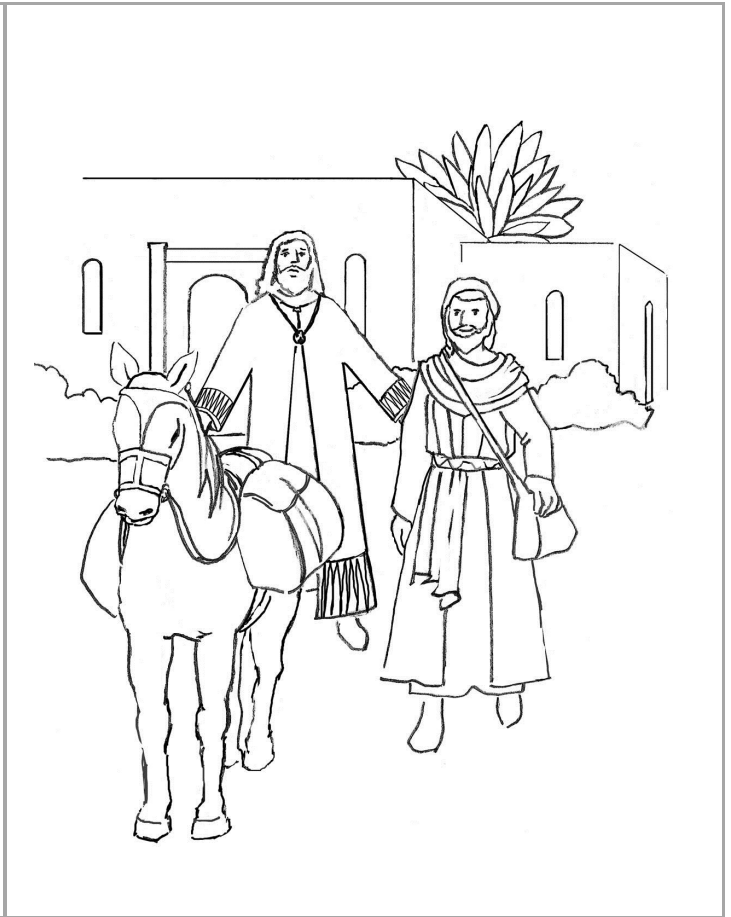
#### New Church Concept Nakedness

"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

"Naked" and "nakedness" signify those who are lacking in understanding and love. *Apocalypse Explained* 240







Parable Pictures B