The Prodigal Son / De verloren zoon
Board Game Instructions / Spelinstructies

Needed/Nodig:
✓ Game board: download the coloured version from the website, or download the black and white version here: https://www.bestcoloringpagesforkids.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Prodigal-Son-Bible-Game-Coloring-Pages.jpg
✓ Question cards
✓ Strip with 6 pictures (if you have more than 4 participants, please photocopy extra strips)
✓ 6 cards with Bible texts
✓ Answer key
✓ Counters (you can use them from another game, or find little rocks, or make them from clay)

Prepare beforehand / Doe vooraf:
1. Print (and colour) the game board. If you use the black and white version, write “Start” in the circle that is touched by the foot of the prodigal son (between the large number 1 and large number 6).

2. Cut the question cards.

3. Cut the strips with the 6 Bible texts, but make sure the texts are still attached to each other.

4. Cut the strips with the 6 pictures, and cut the cards. You don’t need the pictures as a strip, but as separate cards. Draw coloured dots on the back of each set of cards; this makes it easier to hand out each set at the beginning of a game.

5. Cut the answer key.


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Getting ready

(A) Put the game board on the table.

(B) Put the question cards upside down beside the board. (You can choose to shuffle the cards, or to keep them all in order. If you keep the cards in order, you can follow the story line, which might be nicer for younger children.)

(C) Each participant chooses a counter.

(D) Each participant receives a strip with 6 Bible texts.

(E) Each participant receives 6 pictures, and puts them upside down.

(F) Put the answer key upside down on the table.

Play the game

The youngest participant takes a card with a question, and answers the question. If the question is answered correctly, you can put your counter on the game board (at “Start”), and move ahead the number of steps your card indicates. Then the next participant takes a question card, etc.

When you land on or pass a large number, you flip a card with a picture. Place the picture on the matching Bible text on your strip.

When you used all the question cards, shuffle the cards, and use them again. You might go through the card a few times during the game. This is no problem; it only will help your children to remember the facts of the story better!

The participant who first has all the matching pictures on the strip with the Bible texts, wins!
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The Prodigal Son
Board Game cards

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<th>1. A certain man had two ... (1 step)</th>
<th>2. Which son wanted his part of the inheritance already; the older or the younger son? (2 steps)</th>
<th>3. The younger son gathered his stuff together, and went to a far ... (3 steps)</th>
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<td>4. The younger son ... his substance —his money and goods— with riotous living. (4 steps)</td>
<td>5. After a while, the younger son ... all his money. (5 steps)</td>
<td>6. When the younger son spent all his money, a mighty ... arose in that land. (6 steps)</td>
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<td>7. What job did the younger son find? (4 steps)</td>
<td>8. The son was so hungry! What would he even be willing to eat? (5 steps)</td>
<td>9. The son said to himself: “Many hired servants of my father have ... enough and to spare.” (1 step)</td>
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<td>10. Unlike the servants of his father, the younger son perished with ... (3 steps)</td>
<td>11. The son said to himself: “I will arise and go to my ...” (2 steps)</td>
<td>12. The son thought he would say: “Father, I have ... against heaven, and before thee.” (6 steps)</td>
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<td>13. The son figured he was not worthy to be called his father’s son anymore. He would ask to be a ... (5 steps)</td>
<td>14. The son went back to his father. When he was yet a ... off, his father saw him. (6 steps)</td>
<td>15. The father fell on his son’s neck, and ... him. (3 steps)</td>
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<td>16. The father ordered his servants to bring the best ... to put on him. (4 steps)</td>
<td>17. The father ordered his servants to put a ... on his son’s hand. (2 steps)</td>
<td>18. The father ordered his servants to put ... on his son’s feet. (1 step)</td>
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<td>19. The father ordered his servants to kill the ... ..., so they could eat it.</td>
<td>20. The father said, “Let us eat, and be ... .”</td>
<td>21. The father said, “For this my son was ... and is ... again.”</td>
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<td>22. The father said, “My son was ..., and is found.”</td>
<td>23. Where was the older son?</td>
<td>24. When the older son came to the house, he heard ... and ... .</td>
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<td>25. Was the older son happy that his brother came back?</td>
<td>26. The older son called one of the ... and asked why there was a feast.</td>
<td>27. The servant told the older son, “Your ... came back!”</td>
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<td>28. When the older son heard that the feast was for his brother who came back, he was ...</td>
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<td>30. The older son did not want to go inside to the feast. Who came outside to talk to him?</td>
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<td>31. The older son said to his father, “Lo, these many years do I ... thee.”</td>
<td>32. The older son said to his father, “I never transgressed thy ... .”</td>
<td>33. The older son said to his father, “I never got a ... to have a feast with my friends.”</td>
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<td>34. The older son was angry that his father killed the ... ... for his younger brother.</td>
<td>35. The father said to the older son, “Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is ... .”</td>
<td>36. The father said to his son that they should make merry, and be ... .</td>
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Answer key

1. Sons
2. The younger son
3. Country
4. Wasted
5. Spent
6. Famine
7. Feeding the swine
8. The food (husks) for the swine
9. Bread
10. Hunger
11. Father
12. Sinned
13. Servant
14. Great way
15. Kissed
16. Robe
17. Ring
18. Shoes
19. Fatted calf
20. Merry
21. Dead – alive
22. Lost
23. In the field
24. Music – dancing
25. No
26. Servants
27. Brother
28. Angry
29. He stayed outside
30. The father
31. Serve
32. Commandment
33. Kid/goat
34. Fatted calf
35. Thine/yours
36. Glad