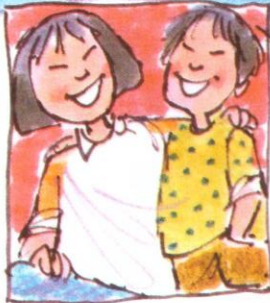


# Family Page



Mercy and love cannot be separated. Jesus makes it quite clear throughout the gospels that God always loves with great mercy. To emphasize this facet of God's love, plan a "forgiveness" meeting this week.

Have each member of the family make a list of things for which he or she wants another's forgiveness. If everyone is comfortable with sharing at least one of the things on their lists, take turns asking and giving forgiveness. Everyone who has been hurt should forgive, and everyone who has made a mistake should be forgiven.

Plan a "happy ending" celebration: hang streamers, draw a poster or banner, and plan a special meal or treat. Don't forget to have plenty of hugs and kisses on hand. It feels wonderful to forgive and be forgiven.



# explaining GOD'S WORD

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) • Luke 15:1-32 • September 11, 2022

CLAP Dance Sing Celebrate Hop Skip Jump Smile Laugh Giggle

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FIND THE HAPPY WORDS.

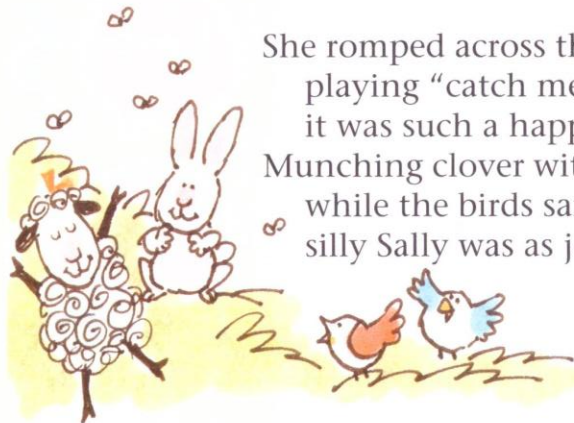
When you have done something wrong and you tell Jesus that you are sorry, all heaven celebrates. On this page are ten happy words that will help YOU to celebrate God's love. See if you can find all ten in the puzzle square.





# Silly Sally strays too far!

This is the Jesus story  
about Sally the silly sheep,  
the tiniest little lamb in the flock.  
She got tired of being bossed  
by the grown-up, pushy sheep  
and decided she would take a little walk.



She romped across the wheat field  
playing "catch me" with the bees;  
it was such a happy feeling to be free.  
Munching clover with the bunnies,  
while the birds sang merry songs,  
silly Sally was as joyful as could be.

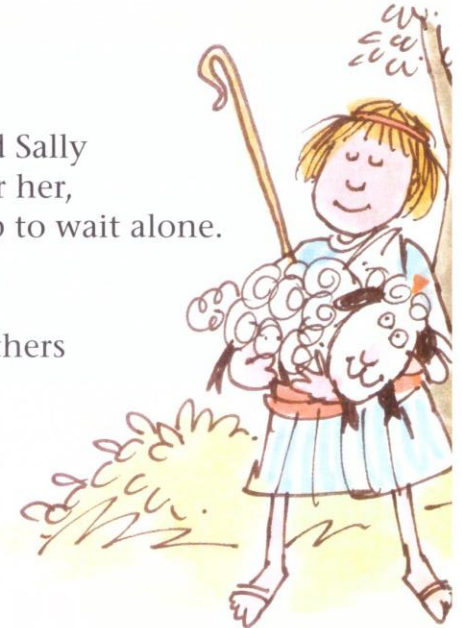
But when the day was over  
and the sun began to set,  
she tried to find the others in the fold.  
The birds and bees and bunnies  
had gone home at suppertime,  
and Sally was left shivering in the cold.



She thought about the shepherd  
and the warm and loving flock,  
and she wished with all her might  
she hadn't strayed.

The darkness was so scary  
and the night sounds made her cry,  
so she crawled behind a  
bramblebush and prayed.

But the shepherd had missed Sally  
and gone out to search for her,  
leaving all his other sheep to wait alone.  
He spied her by the bush  
and took her in his arms  
and ran back to tell the others  
she was found.



Jesus is the loving Shepherd  
who watches over you,  
though at times you may forget  
that he's around.  
But if you should stray like Sally,  
he'll search high and low for you  
and have a party with the angels  
when you're found.