

Tonight's

The story of what happened in the town of Nain surprised everyone!
See if you can find on every page of the worksheet this 'surprise' emoji

passage – Luke 7.¹¹⁻¹⁷

theme – Everlasting Father!



the everlasting Father



This is a very famous painting by a very famous artist called Rembrandt.

His full name is way too long to write or even to pronounce, so he just gets called Rembrandt!

He lived in the 17th century and this is one of his last paintings as well as being one of his most famous paintings.

You can see it hanging in a museum in the city of St Petersburg in Russia.

It's a painting of the moment in the story Jesus told (in Luke 15.11-32) when the father welcomes back his 'prodigal son'.

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Can you see (a) the father, (b) the prodigal son, and (c) the older brother?

The Return of the Prodigal Son

Read
Luke 7
verses 11-13

Jesus sees our need



¹¹ Soon afterwards, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a large crowd went along with Him.

¹² As He approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out – the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her.

¹³ When the Lord saw her, His heart went out to her and He said, ‘Don’t cry.’

The prodigal son and the loving father

The story which Jesus told about the ‘prodigal son’ is really a story about the father: He told it so that we could understand better what God is like as ‘the everlasting Father’.



‘The everlasting Father’ is one of the ways in which the prophet Isaiah described the King whom God had promised He would send.

Today’s story helps us understand why Jesus is so very special, and why His being the ‘everlasting Father’ is such a wonderful thing for us to enjoy.

“.. the Lord (Jesus) saw her ..”

Can you spot where in the passage those words are found?

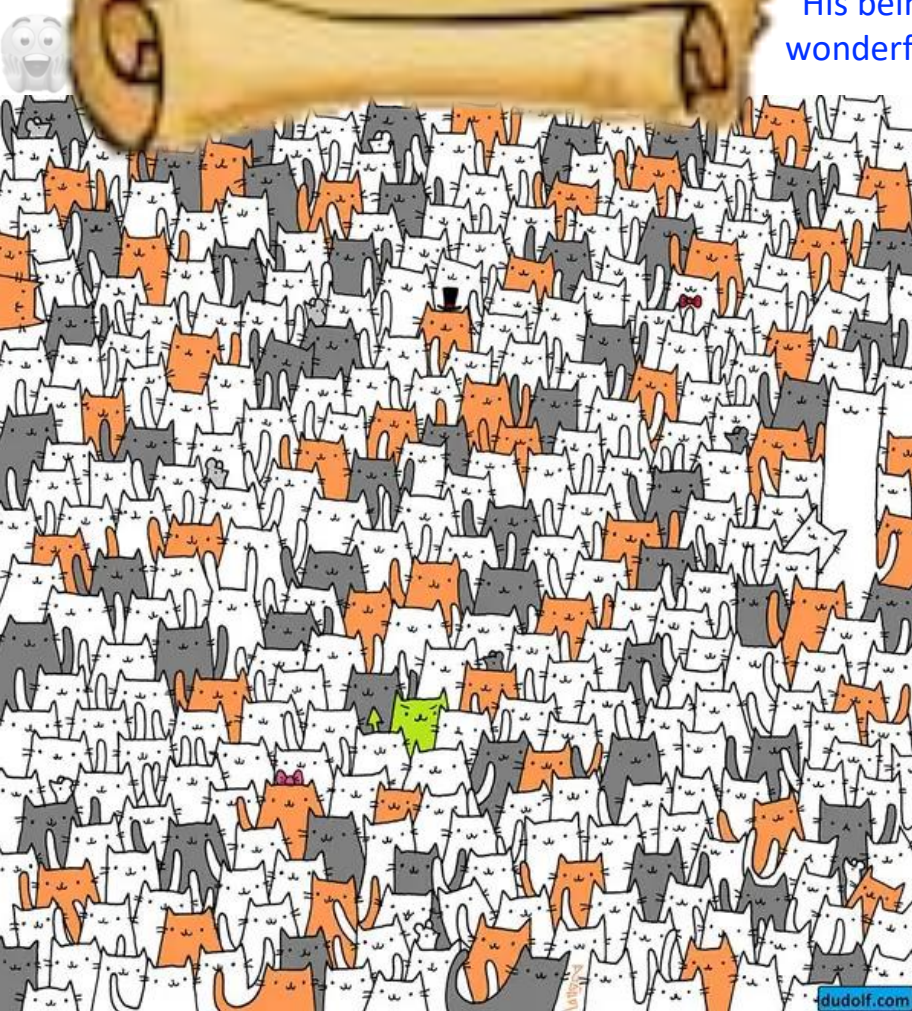
Jesus has a father-like love for His people, and that means His eye is always on us: He sees us wherever we are and whatever we’re facing.

And He cares about us too!

Draw a circle round the bit in the passage which shows He cared for the woman.

How good are your eyes?

Have a look at the picture on the left. Can you spot the rabbit in among all the cats?



Jesus gives us life



Read
Luke 7
verses 14-15

¹⁴Then He went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still.

He said, 'Young man, I say to you, get up!'

¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

Fathers give life!

And that's what Jesus did here!

The lady's husband had died – and she probably had relied on her son to help her. And now her son had died as well.

She must have been desperately sad – and very fearful and worried about the future, too.

It must have felt like her whole life had come to a

dead end.

“your son was dead, but now he's alive!”

The woman must have felt ... well, write in the 'thought bubble' a word to describe how she must have felt when Jesus gave her back her son **alive!**



Read

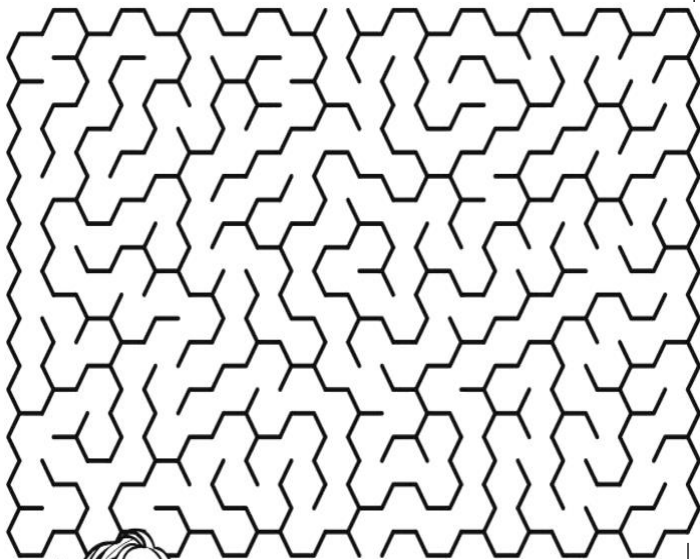
Luke 7
verses 16-17

¹⁶ They were all filled with awe and praised God.

'A great prophet has appeared among us,' they said.

'God has come to help his people.'

¹⁷ This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.



START

A long time before Jesus God used a man called Elijah to help a widow whose son had died.

The boy was raised to life!
Help Elijah reach the boy!



Jesus always helps us

Who is this Jesus?

What Jesus did was amazing!

Everyone was so pleased and they would all have been chatting to each other and to their friends.

They could tell Jesus was special! But who is He?

Some people thought He must be

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You can understand why.

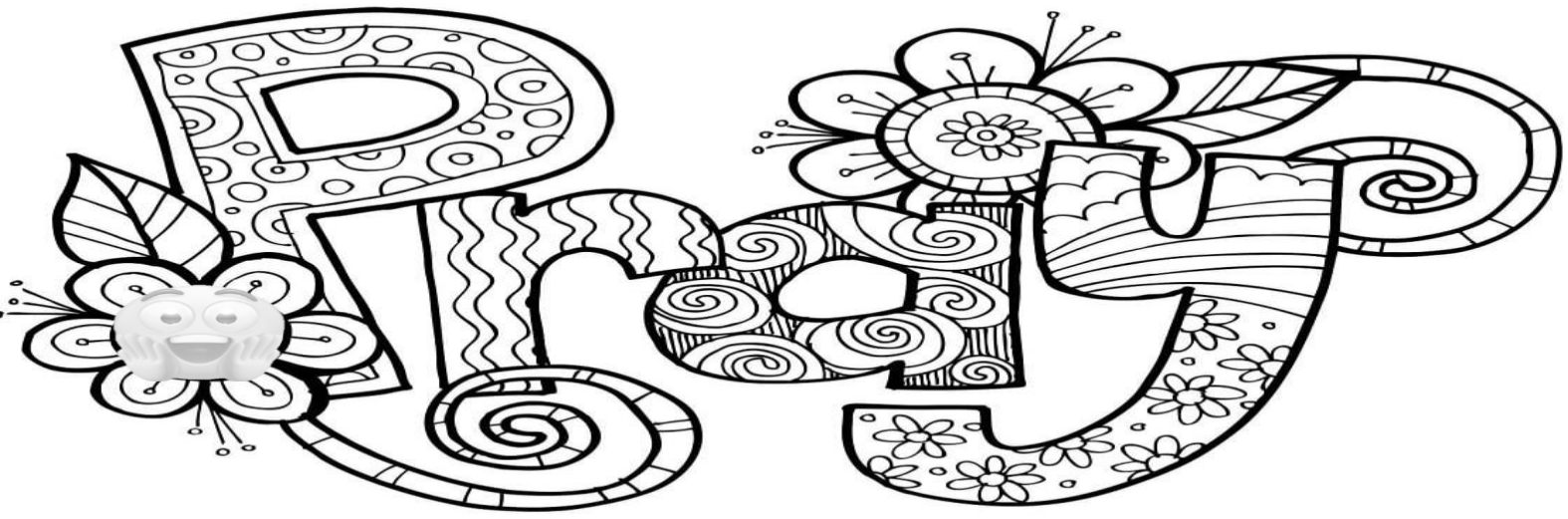
In the Old Testament they knew that both Elijah and Elisha had prayed to God and a poor woman's son who had died had been brought back to life.

But others began to realise that Jesus is even greater than that. They said that

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His _ _ _ _ _



Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.

Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you

I love learning about You, Jesus!

It's great to know that You're so powerful, but it's wonderful, too, to know that You love us so much.

Thank You that You have come to help us, because You know everything we need: I'm glad that You know all the things that worry me and frighten me – and that You're always so ready to help me!

Help me to remember that You always have Your eyes on me.

Help me to know how to tell others about You, so that my friends can discover, too, how great You are and how brilliant it is to have You as my friend.

You're amazing, Jesus – and You do the most amazing things! Help me to look to You always.



Today's verse for you to try and remember!



**“The dead man sat up
and began to talk, and
Jesus gave him back to
his mother”**

Luke 7.⁵³



Wordsearch

The Wordsearch is taken from the story in Luke 7.11-17. See if you can find all the words!

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K I E C C O P H R S G E U I I
G O S A D P T E R A R X Q L S
T R Z I D Y W L R E I P Q A C
O I W C R O W D H S K S S R I
U M P P O T O T T R O Q E G P
C C A P Z Y O N O W J N C E L
H H U K R M H C W G E H A E E
E M L I T O F S N V S E R B S
D A C P S A P U E C U L R B G
T T R E H N O H K B S P I R C
G J G O E Y E P E X U I E C T
I A T P A Z X R Q T Z G D Z Y
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TOUCHED

LARGE

COFFIN

YOUNG

PROPHET

WIDOW

DISCIPLES

CROWD

GATE

TOWN

TALK

CARRIED

DEAD

PEOPLE

HELP

PRAISE

JESUS

MOTHER

HEART

PERSON



COLOUR in the picture



Draw and colour in the picture of the moment when Jesus gave the son back to his mother

