

# GOD'S DESIGN OF ROMANCE

## *A Love That Pursues*

SONG OF SONGS 2:8-9 · 3:1-5 · 5:2-9



for CHILDREN:

Read through one of the parables in Luke 15. The Lost Sheep (vv.1-7), The Lost Coin (vv.8-10), The Prodigal Son (vv.11-32).

You can color the included picture as you discuss what you've learned about God's love and loving like God.

*(more pictures available on the website under the sermon follow-up link)*



WEEKLY AFFIRMATION:

*God's love pursues me.*

for THE MATURE CHRISTIAN:

Read Luke 15 three times this week.

The first time: think like a tax collector or sinner. What do you think about Jesus? What do you learn about God? What does it mean for a person like you?

The second time, think like a Pharisee: What disturbs you about Jesus? Why are you hesitant to accept His testimony about Himself? Why are you hesitant to accept His teaching about God's love?

The third time, think like a disciple: What is the example that Jesus is setting? How can you imitate the shepherd? the woman? the father? Jesus? God?

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE:

**"As far as the east is from the west,  
So far has He removed our  
wrongdoings from us."**

Psalm 103:12

for THE GROWING CHRISTIAN:

Read Hosea 2:14-20 again.

Often in the accounts of the Twelve Prophets (Hosea - Malachi), God speaks of frustrating the plans of Israel or Judah.

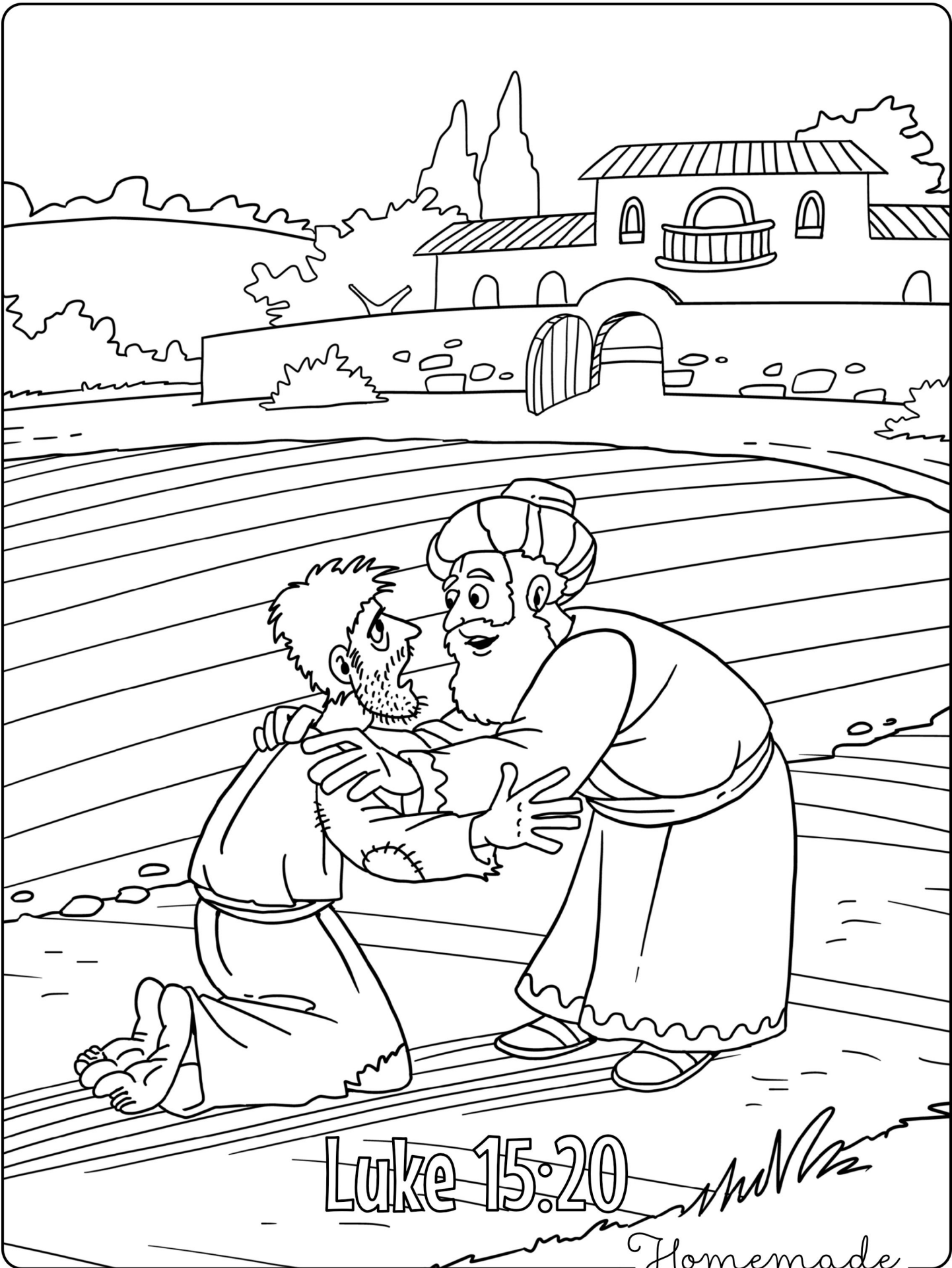
God's reason for frustrating His people was (and is) always done out of His love, and His hope for their repentance.

God loves us too much to allow us to follow false sources of security, comfort, or salvation because they will ultimately fail us. God wants us to turn to Him alone - the only Living God - who provides and saves.

If you find yourself frustrated in your day (or in life), stop and take time to pray and read God's Word. Ask God to help you see what it is His love is pursuing in you.

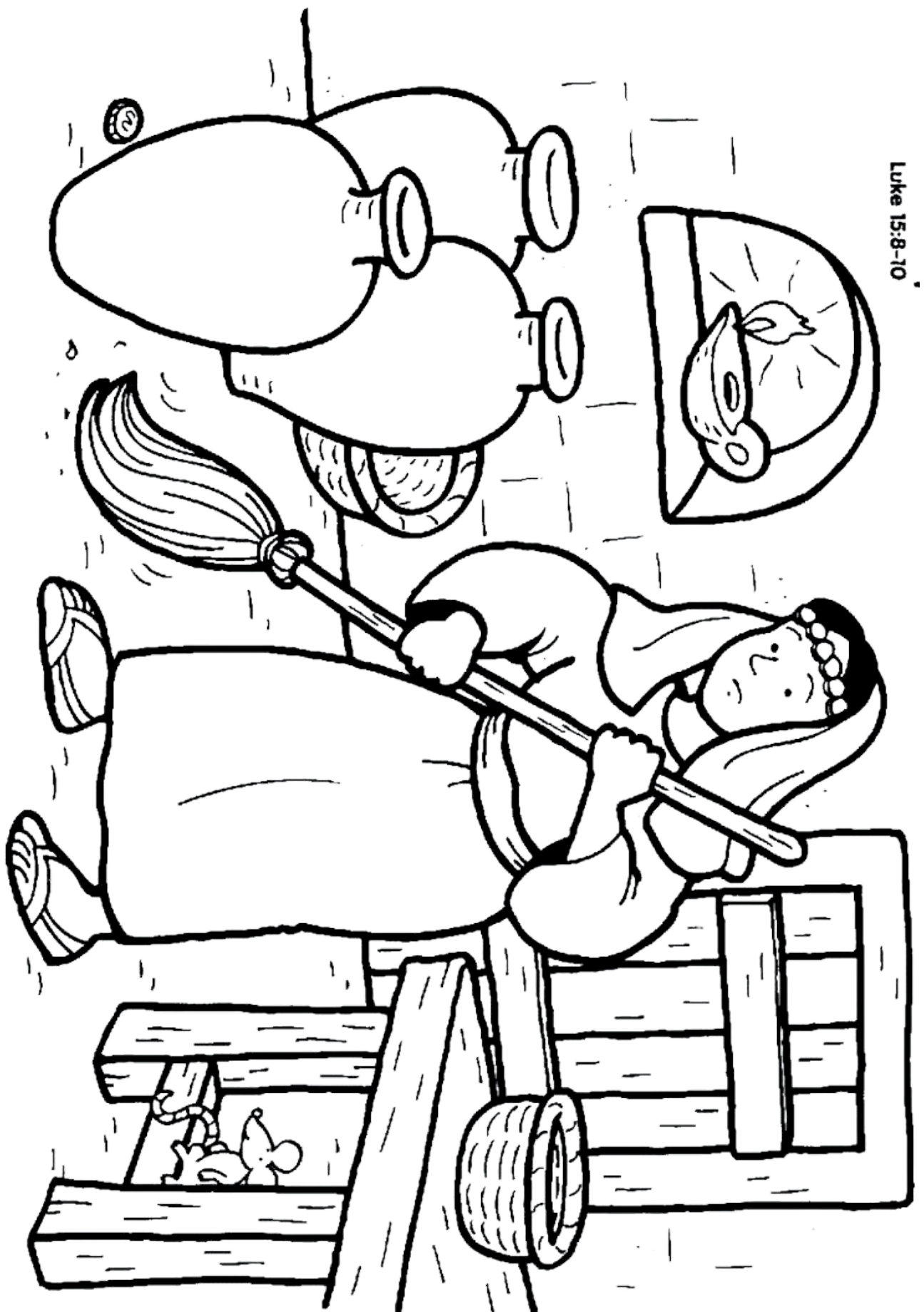
FEBRUARY 2024 GROWTH GOALS:

- Watch the Bible Project Video on The Song of Songs *(on website)*
- Read the Song of Songs
- Memorize One of the Weekly Memory Verses
- Read/Study the Bible together with your spouse 3 times this month.  
*for Singles: Attendance in Bible Class or Study counts.*



Luke 15:20

*Homemade*  
GIFTS MADE EASY



Luke 15:8-10

Help the shepherd find his lost sheep.

