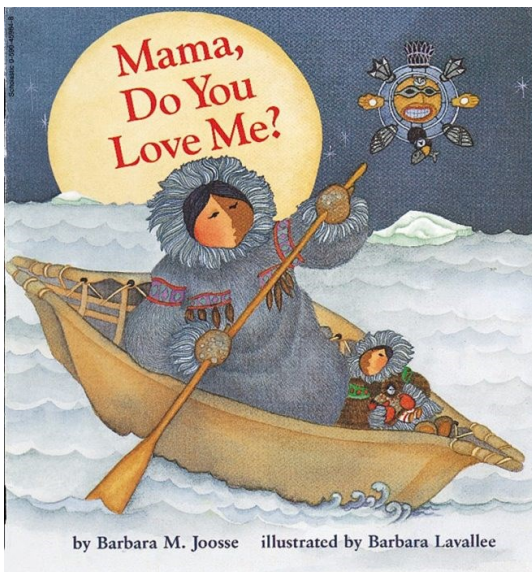


Week 4: Receive Prodigal Grace

READ THE STORY: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32, the parable of the prodigal son (page 378 in the Spark Story Bible).

WONDER:

- Who would you be in this story? (*The father, the younger brother, or the older brother?*) Why?
- Do you think the father is fair? Is love always fair?
- How do you think the younger brother felt at the beginning of the story? The middle? The end?
- How is God like the father in this story?



LISTEN: Read the book *Mama, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Joose, illustrated by Barbara Lavallee. Published by Chronicle Books, 1991. Find a read-along on YouTube [here](#).

- Have you ever done something that you thought would make your grown-ups stop loving you? What did they do?
- Are you sometimes upset with people you love? Does that mean you stop loving them?
- How is God like the mama in this story?

CREATE: To remind you that God is always inviting you home to celebrate, make houses out of materials you find around the house. Re-use and recycle!



Find great examples of houses created from repurposed wood scraps at [Dryden Art City](#).

PRAY: *Dear God, thank you for always inviting us to come and celebrate with you, even when we've made mistakes, even when we're angry, even when we don't think there's anything to celebrate. Remind us of your love that is too big to imagine. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*