

## YUMMY OR YUCKY?

In your homeliving/dramatic play area, collect supplies to make pudding together. Have some yummy add-ins (marshmallows, sprinkles, whip topping), as well. Hide in a brown bag samples of pet food: a can of dog food, a packet of cat food, and some feed corn. Every time you add something to the pudding, like milk or marshmallows, ask the children if they would like to add one of the pet foods you pull from your bag. If some answer "Yes", laugh with them for being silly and ask "Can you imagine being so hungry that you would eat pet food or animal food?" Tell the children that today we will hear a story that Jesus himself told about a man who was so hungry, he ate pig food!



## TELL ME A SENTENCE STORY

Prepare a bag full of story topics on cards that children can draw out of a bag. Story topic ideas might include dogs, birthdays, school, my family, a loose tooth, breakfast, a computer, etc. Gather the children and tell them that each one will draw a story topic from the bag and tell the group a ONE SENTENCE story about that thing. Limit kids to one sentence to avoid long monologues from each child. As they tell their story, react with surprise, laughter, or a comment about how sad or silly it was. Compliment them for being such good storytellers. At the end, share with the children that Jesus knew people loved stories and he used them to teach people about God. A teaching story is called a parable. Jesus' parable was about God's love for them!



## CLOTHING COLLAGE

Provide scissors, magazines (edited for inappropriate pages), glue and construction paper. Allow kids to find and cut out at least six outfits they like and would like to wear. As kids search and cut, talk about how the son in the Parable of the Lost Son was given gifts of clothes when he returned home. Jesus told the story about the father told the house servants to bring fine clothes to his son because he was so glad to see him. What clothes would you like to get as a gift of love? Along with the clothes on the collage, include the story reference, a memory verse, an application phrase, or a miniature copy of your teaching picture so the kids can remember the story of the Lost Son and tell about their collage!



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