

# Any Animals?

Do you see any pictures of animals in your worship space? What are they, and what do you think they could represent?

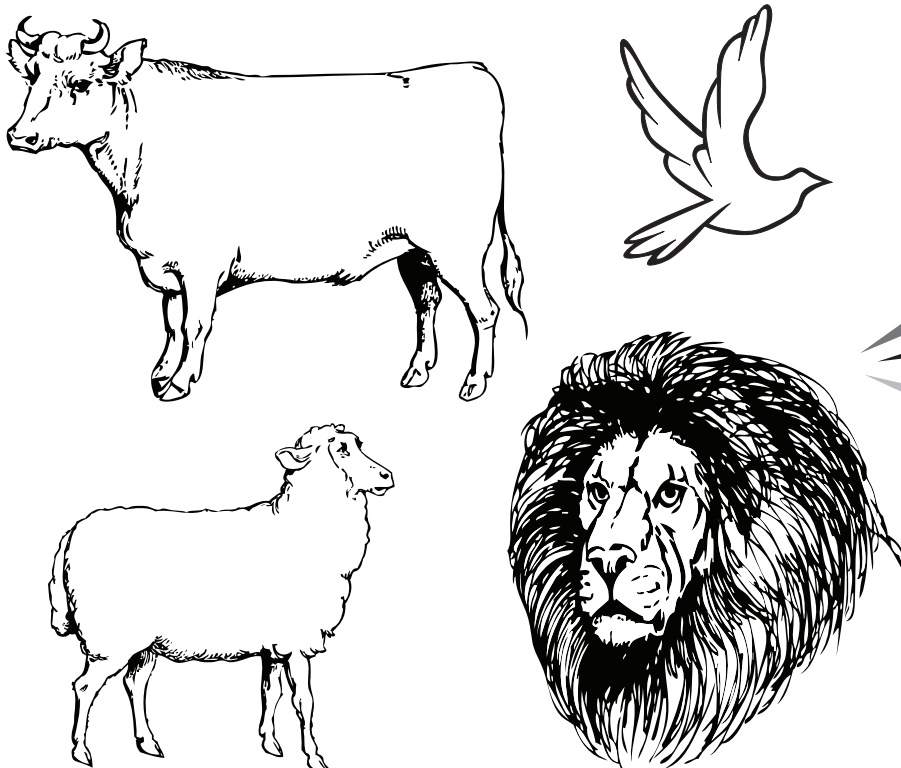
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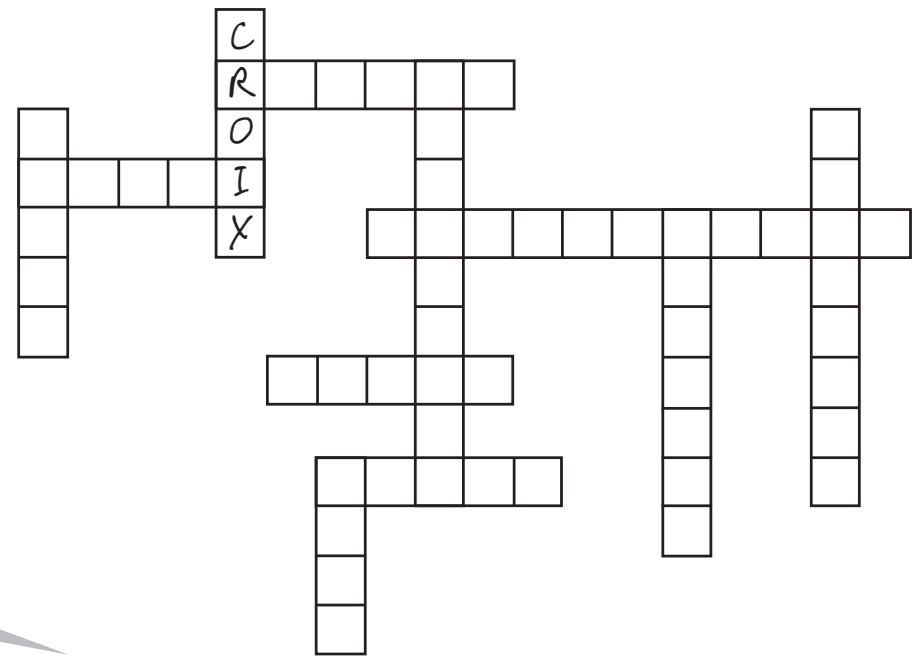
- Today is the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** in Lent.
- Lent is a season for **rebirth and renewal**.
- The word *Lent* comes from an Old English word for "**springtime**."

## Cross Words Crossword

The symbol of Lent is the cross. Fit the words for "cross" from these 11 languages into the spaces that will fit their letters.

- In Italian, **croce**.
- In French, **croix**.
- In Spanish, **cruz**.
- In Zulu, **isiphambano**.
- In German, **kreuz**.
- In Dutch, **kruis**.

- In Tagalog, **krusipihon**.
- In Swedish, **lindande**.
- In Swahili, **msalaba**.
- In Maori, **ripeka**.
- In Finnish, **risti**.



We know today's story as the Parable of the Prodigal Son, but what does "prodigal" really mean? Number the first letter of each word of the memory verse, then fill in the numbers to see the definition. The first few letters have been filled in for you.

## Memory Verse



1 2 3  
 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours  
 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>26</sup>  
 was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found. – Luke 15:32

2 15 18 22,  
 w a s \_\_\_\_\_ e f u \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 9 7 23 6 6 4,  
 e x \_\_\_\_\_ v \_\_\_\_\_ g \_\_\_\_\_ n \_\_\_\_\_

7 5 19  
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## Release Resentment

When the older brother doesn't want to forgive the Prodigal Son, he excludes himself from the celebration! Holding grudges can keep us from having good relationships with our family and friends. What can you do to make sure you're not holding onto any grudges?

I CAN TELL \_\_\_\_\_

I CAN FORGIVE \_\_\_\_\_

I CAN HELP \_\_\_\_\_

I CAN PRAY \_\_\_\_\_

I CAN \_\_\_\_\_

## Picky About Pigs

The Prodigal Son hits rock bottom when finds a job feeding pigs. Jews weren't supposed to eat pigs, let alone live with them! What's the worst animal you can imagine working with? Draw it! Then draw an animal that you would like to work with.

I wouldn't want to work with...

I would want to work with...



## Look It Up!

The Parable of the Prodigal Son is the third of three stories that Jesus tells about things that are lost and found. Check out the Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7) and the Parable of the Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10) to learn more about what

Jesus said about repentance and forgiveness!