

Home Time is Holy Time

week of April 18<sup>th</sup>

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



### THE READINGS:

#### From Psalm 4:

“Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; When I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.”

#### New Testament:

- ✿ Jesus Appears to his Followers: [Luke 24:36b-48](#)
- ✿ Return of the Prodigal Son or The Son Who Left Home: [Luke 15:11-32](#)
- ✿ And a video about the Prodigal Son: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJgROx4wFKM>

*Our National Cathedral* livestreams a service each Sunday at 11:15 Eastern time. You can watch it here: <https://cathedral.org/worship/>



### QUESTIONS TO PONDER (YOUNGERS):

- ✿ What does the younger brother get from his father?
- ✿ What does he do with it?
- ✿ How does he get along in his new place?
- ✿ HOW hungry does he get?
- ✿ Does his father take him back?
- ✿ How does his elder brother feel about the big party given when the youngest son returns?

### QUESTIONS TO PONDER (OLDER):

- ✿ Which person in the story do you feel that you are the most like?
- ✿ Do you think the Father should take him back?
- ✿ How would you feel if you were the older brother?
- ✿ Do your sisters and/or brothers have things that you are jealous of?
- ✿ Are there things that are unforgivable in your world? Are there things that your parents would NEVER forgive you for? That your brothers/sisters would NEVER forgive you for? Do you think there is anything that God would never forgive you for?



## THINGS TO DO:

<i>If I ran away from</i>	<i>what would I like to do instead:</i>
<i>Home</i>	
<i>Church</i>	
<i>School</i>	
<i>Chores</i>	
<i>Growing up</i>	



- ✿ [Watch a longer video](#) about the Prodigal Son
- ✿ or just the [pretty song from it](#)
- ✿ and another fun video from the fifties: [Little Toot!](#)
- ✿ **Play Where To??** Each player writes down on a piece of paper:
  - ✿ where they would most like to visit
  - ✿ with whom
  - ✿ one thing that they would be sure to take
  - ✿ how they would travel there.

Players take turns youngest to oldest, guessing answers of the person next to them. As soon as player misses an answer, play moves on to the next person. Person who guesses the most correct answers gets a spiffy prize, like first dibs on Delia's Welcome Home Cookies, below.

### ✿ **Make Delia's "Welcome Home" cookies:**

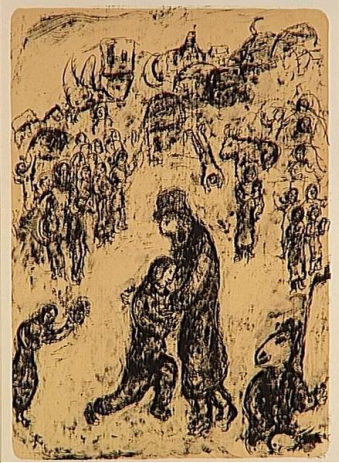
- ✿ Boil down **1 cup raisins + 2 cups water** until there is only 2 cups total
- ✿ Smash together (or cream in mixer) **½ cup Crisco + 2/3 cup sugar + 1 egg**
- ✿ Add into creamed mixture **2 cups flour + 1 teaspoon cinnamon + 1 teaspoon baking soda + ½ teaspoon salt + 1/4 teaspoon cloves + 1 teaspoon nutmeg + 1 teaspoon allspice.**
- ✿ Dump in boiled down raisins with water. Mix all together.
- ✿ Pour mix into ungreased jelly roll pan (13 inches x 9 inches) and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.
- ✿ Frost with a mix of **2 Tablespoons lemon juice + ½ cup confectioners' sugar.**
- ✿ Cut into squares while still warm. MMMM. Serve to your favorite wanderers. Worth coming home for.

- ✿ **Spend some time at the table:** Has anyone at the table ever run away and made a new start? Has anyone in your family ever run away to do a new job or make a fresh start? In olden times, sons and daughters learned to do the jobs of their mothers and fathers, in other words, the farmers' kids learned to be farmers, the bakers' kids learned to be bakers, and so on. This was simply necessary so that skills could be passed on in ages where and when there was little schooling. How would you feel about doing what your parents do to earn a living? Would you feel the same if you had no choice?





## MORE THINGS TO DO:



Mark Chagall, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*.  
1976, lithograph.

- ✿ **Get outside and take a moment of quiet:** Take a short walk – around the block, or maybe just into your yard, and just think about how very lovely your world is. Think of ten things you are grateful for in your beautiful world.
- ✿ **Look at all of the artwork below.** There are quite a few images of the Prodigal Son (and even more if you go online)! Which one do you like the best? Which do you think shows the Father the best? The Prodigal (returning) son? And why is his face often turned away? The Elder son? If you look at the faces of the Father, does he look like your idea of what God looks like? Looking at all three – Father, son, Elder son – what words would you use to describe your idea of what they should look like? Or draw your own if you'd like!

Father	Returning Son	Elder Son

## BOOKS FOR YOUNGERS:

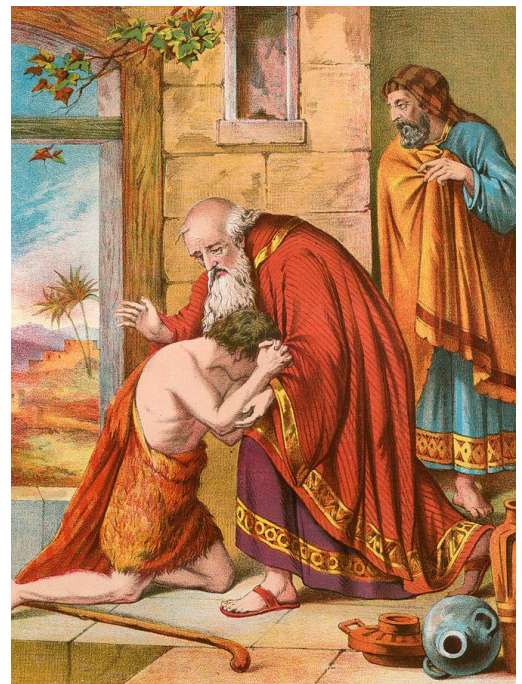
- ✿ [Little Toot](#) by Hardie Gramatky
- ✿ [Wherever You Are My Love Will Find You](#) by Nancy Tillman
- ✿ [The Runaway Bunny](#) by Margaret Wise Brown
- ✿ [Sylvester and the Magic Pebble](#) by William Steig

## BOOKS FOR OLDER:

- ✿ *Far From Home* by Robert Overton, written in 1896
- ✿ *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg
- ✿ *Toby Tyler: or Ten Weeks with a Circus* by James Otis
- ✿ *Rufus M* by Eleanor Estes (\*\*\*) BIG favorite!

## MOVIES:

- ✿ *The Emperor's New Groove* (Disney Plus) (Bonus: Tom Jones sings sound track!)
- ✿ *The Ultimate Gift* (You Tube, Amazon Prime)



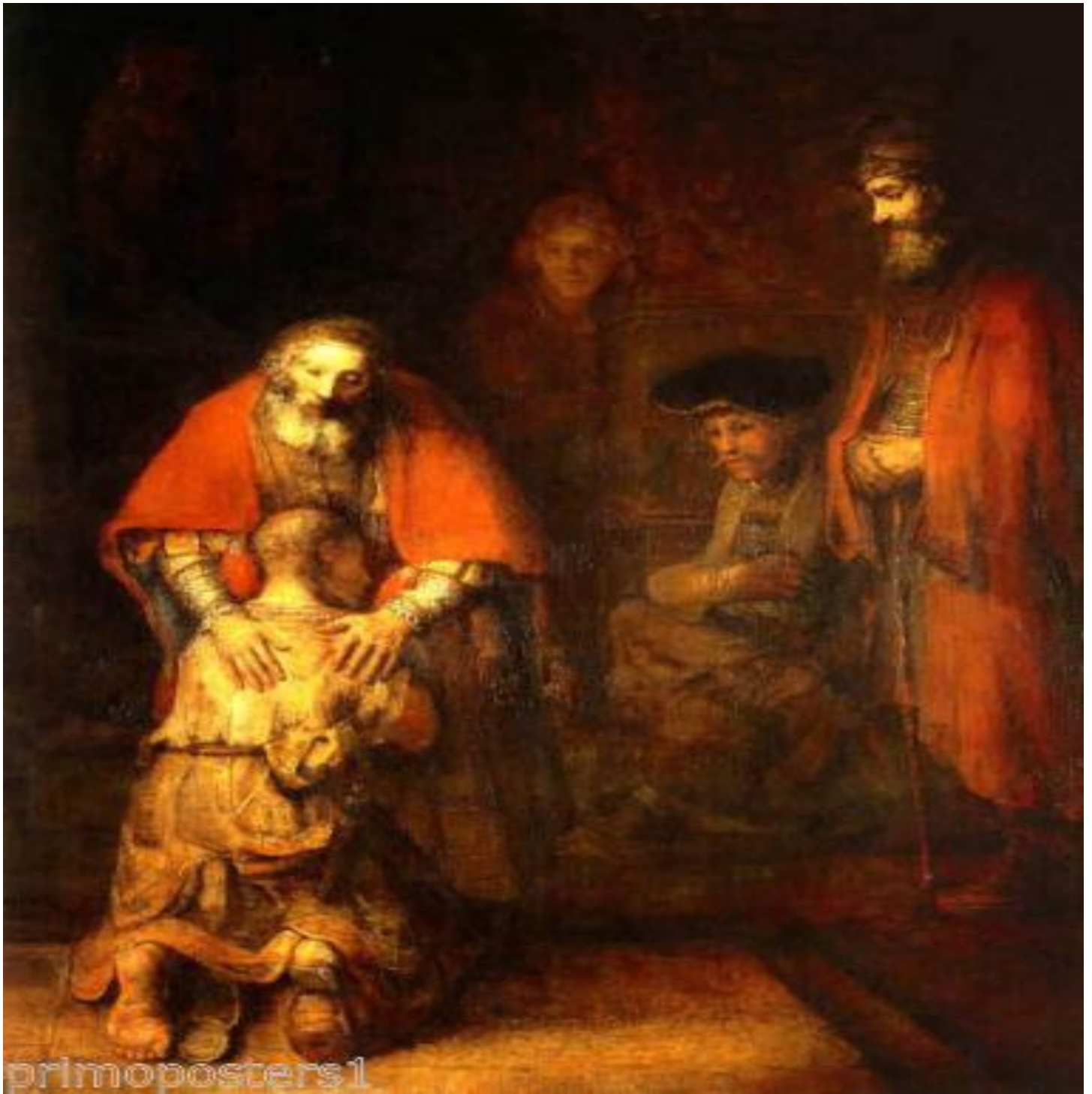
## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Heavenly Father, Let me know the joy of feeling your love surround me. Let me always remember that my home is in your world. Amen.

Have a great week! Stay healthy and take care of each other! Hugs, Nancy



FINE ART TO ENJOY ~ THIS IS A POPULAR TOPIC!



(above) Rembrandt, *Return of the Prodigal Son*.  
1663-1669. State Hermitage Museum, St.  
Petersburg, Russia.





(left) Bartolome Murrio, *Return of the Prodigal Son*. 1667/1670. National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC.



(right) Bartolome Murrio, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, 1660s. National Gallery of Ireland.



(left) Bartolome Murrio, *The Departure of the Prodigal Son*, 1660s. National Gallery of Ireland.

(Contrast this with the others!)

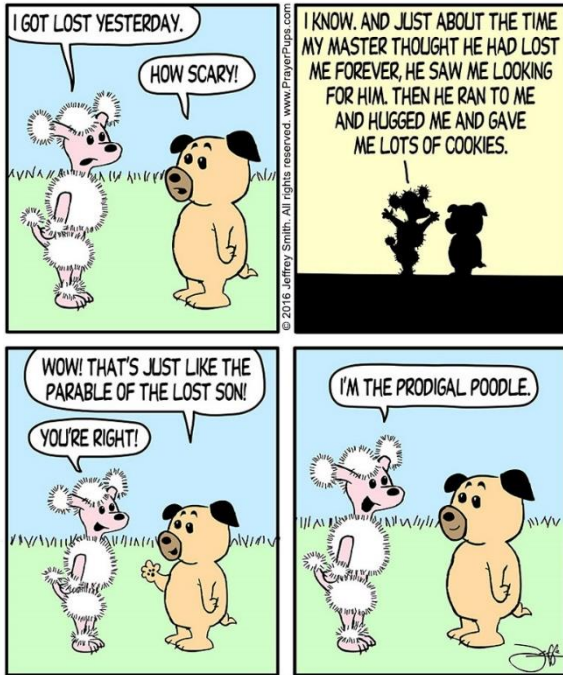


(right) Guercino, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, 1654-55, oil on canvas, 155.6x146.1 cm, Putnam Foundation, Timken Museum of Art.



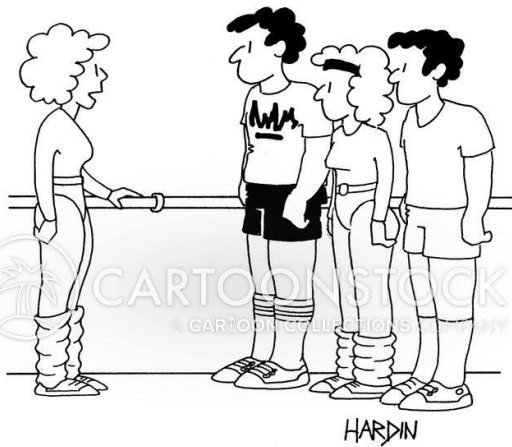
# CARTOONS!!

## PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



THE PRODIGAL SON RETURNS TO DO HIS LAUNDRY

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"I call this next leg exercise the 'Prodigal Son' - It's just the thing for getting rid of fatted calves."

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"THE PRODIGAL SON NEVER LEFT."

## STAINED GLASS TO COLOR:

