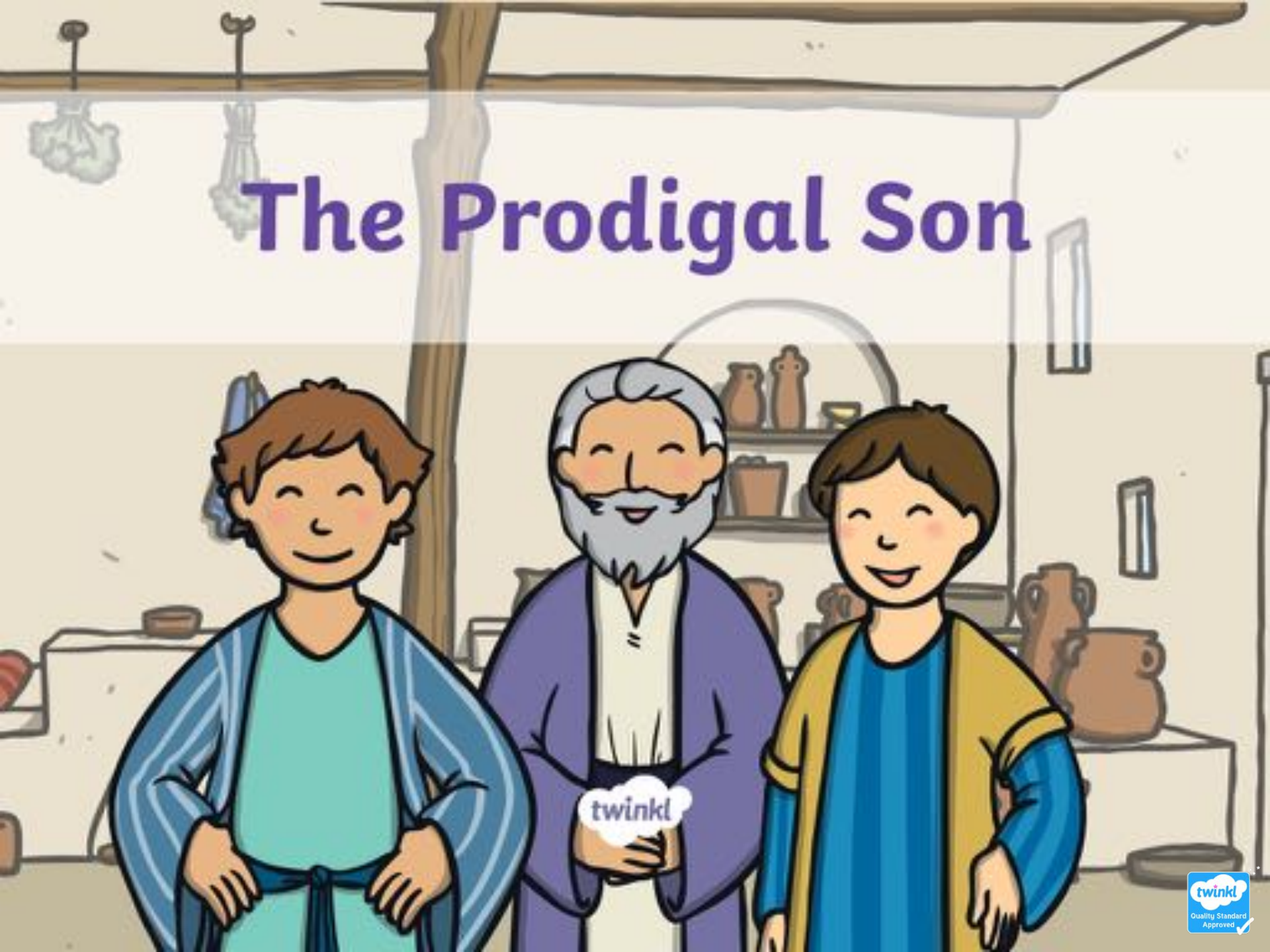
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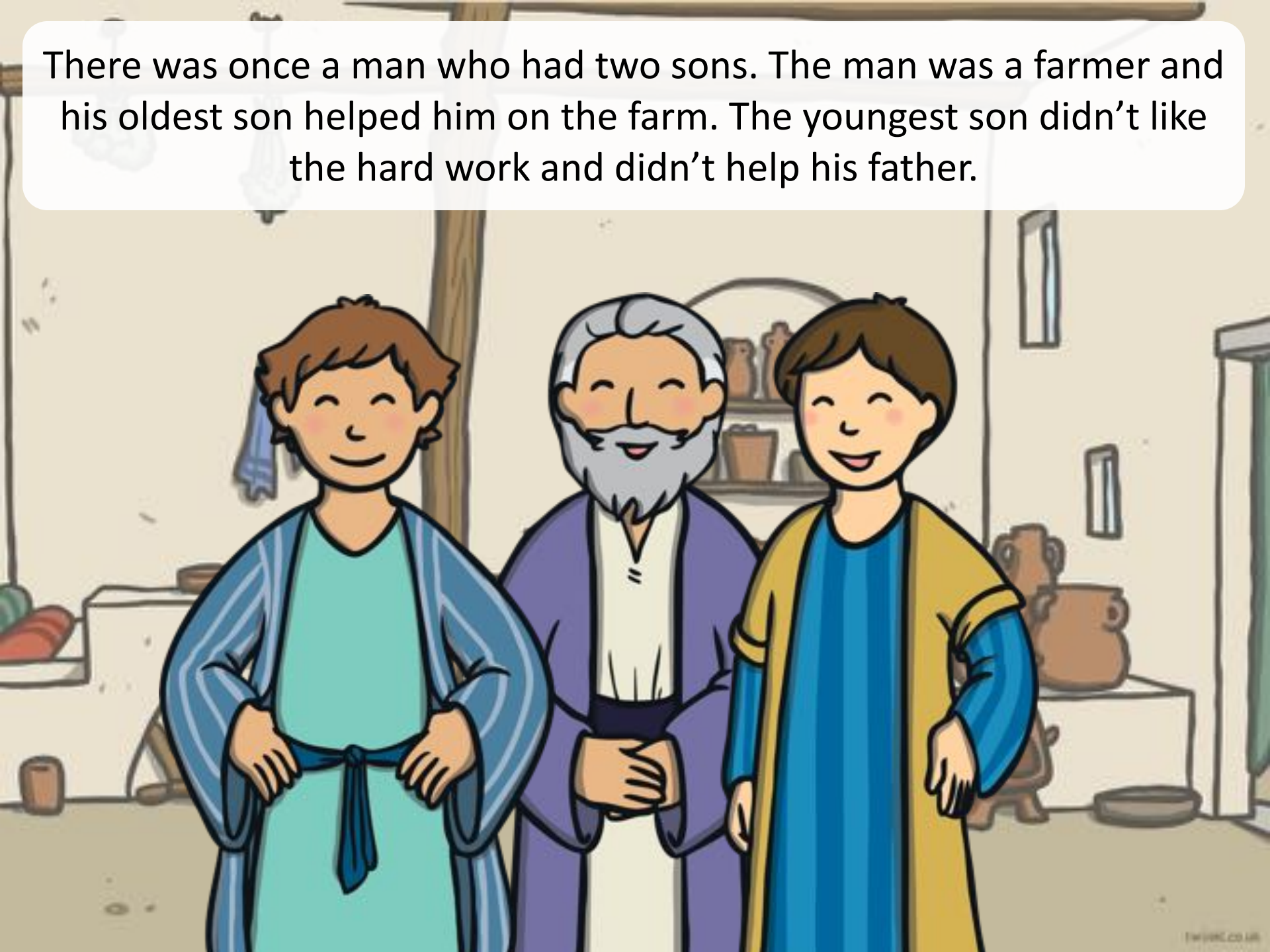
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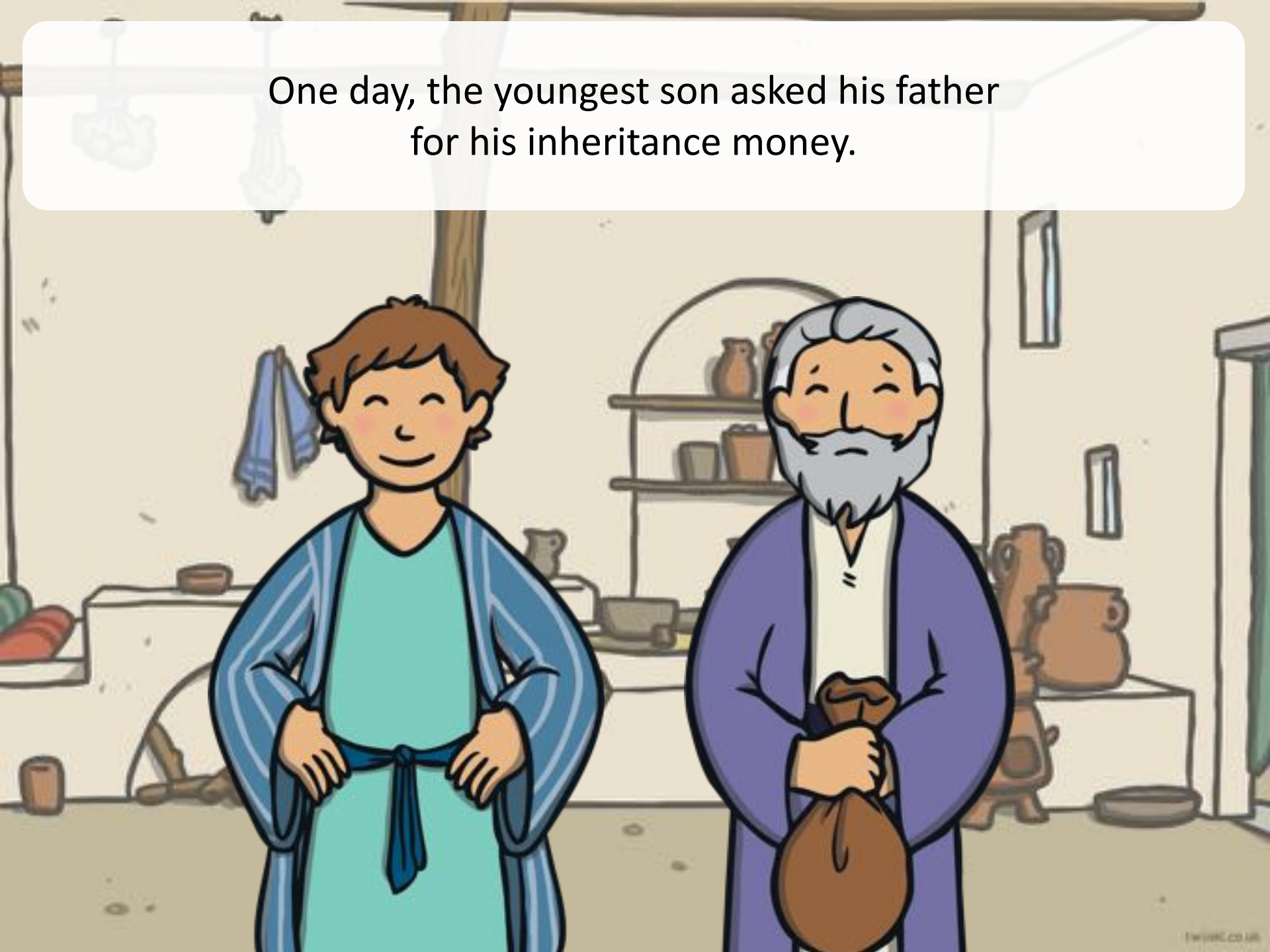
**Lesson 1**
**LO: to retell the story of the Prodigal Son**

Have a another read through the parable of the Prodigal Son.

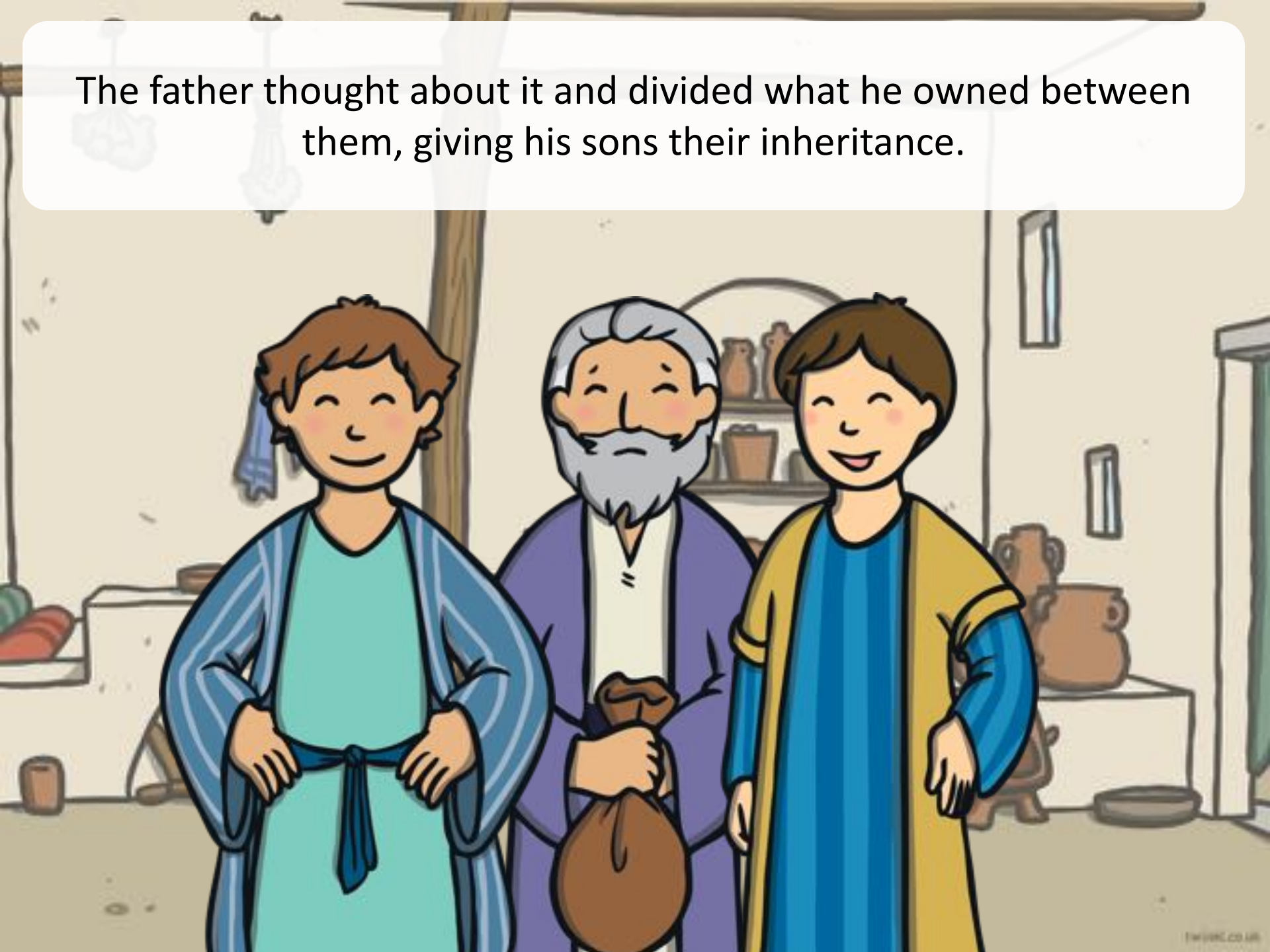
# The Prodigal Son




There was once a man who had two sons. The man was a farmer and his oldest son helped him on the farm. The youngest son didn't like the hard work and didn't help his father.


One day, the youngest son asked his father
for his inheritance money.

The father thought about it and divided what he owned between them, giving his sons their inheritance.



The youngest son moved far away and very soon spent all of his money.



He was very hungry and had no place to live, so he decided to get a job. He was given a job feeding pigs but no-one gave him anything to eat.



The son was very sad and very sorry for what he had done. Back home, even his father's hired men were fed well. He decided to go back home, say sorry and ask his father for a job as a servant.



When the father saw his youngest son returning, he was filled with great joy and ran to greet his returning son. He hugged and kissed the boy.

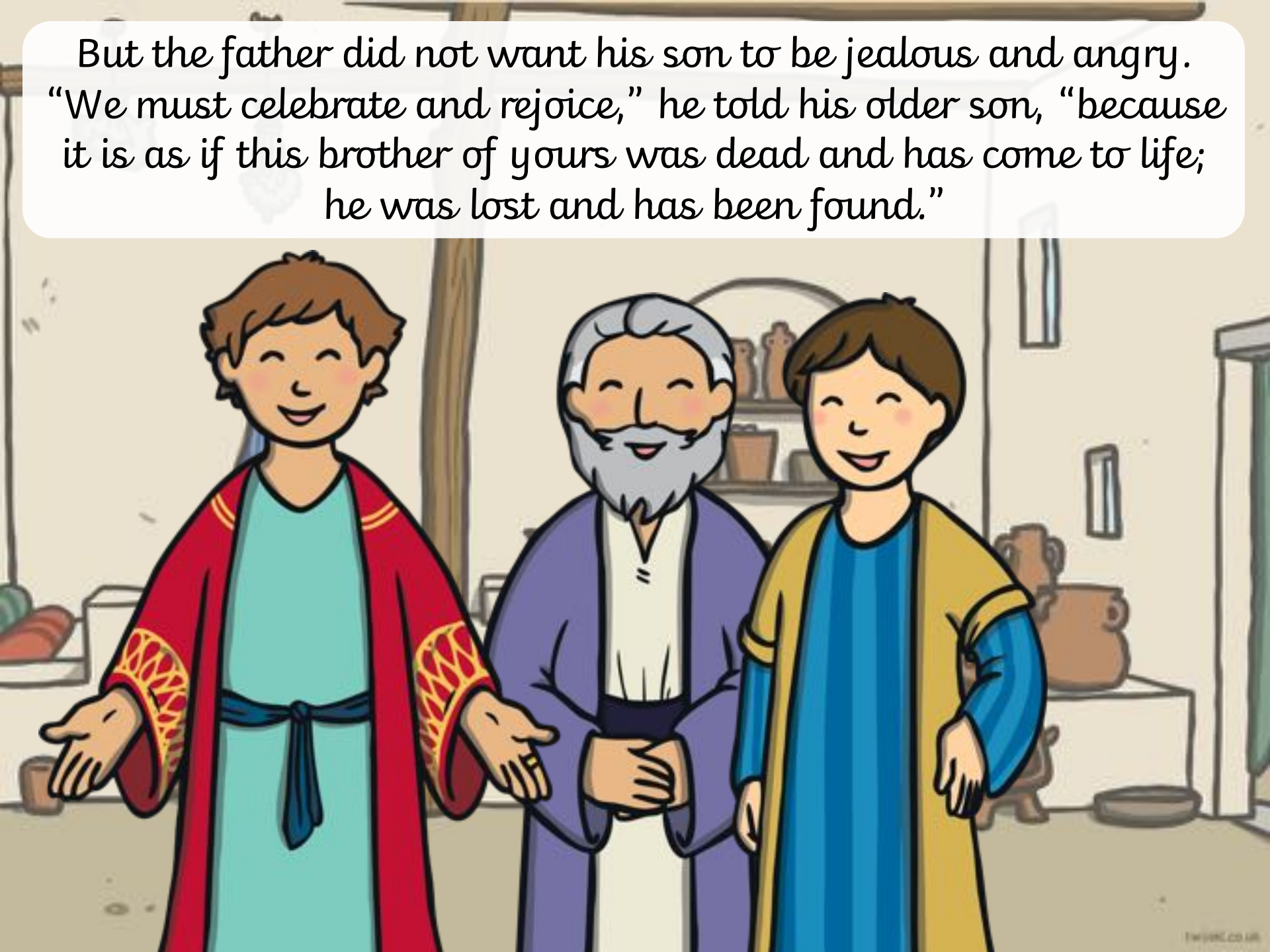



The father dressed him up in the best robe, some new sandals and put a ring on his finger. The father was so happy that his son had returned that he threw a great feast to celebrate!

While the younger brother had been away, the older brother had been working hard for his father and saved all of his inheritance. When he heard that his brother had returned with nothing and a great feast was being thrown for him, he felt very angry and jealous.



But the father did not want his son to be jealous and angry. "We must celebrate and rejoice," he told his older son, "because it is as if this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."



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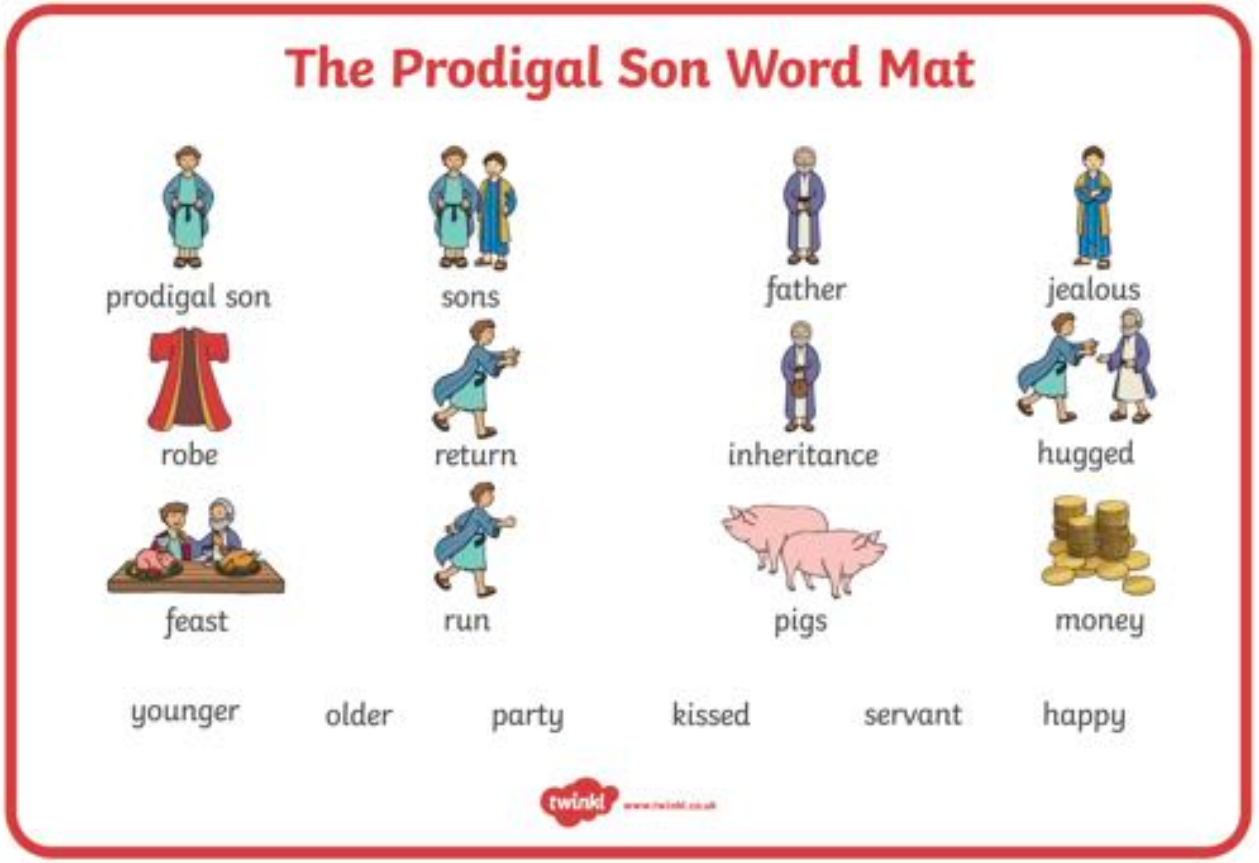
What can we learn from this parable?

Now, have a go at retelling the story out loud, using your story map from last week to help you.

**Lesson 1**
**LO: to retell the story of the Prodigal Son**

Today we are going to write the whole story ourselves. Get your story maps out and use the word mat below to help you.

Remember to use:
- Finger spaces
- Capital letters
- Full stops
- Adjectives



**Lesson 2**

**LO: to know that each parable has a message about how Jesus wants us to live our lives.**

Who told the Parables?

Why?

What parables do you know?

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We have learnt about lots of parables:

- The Prodigal Son
- The Lost Sheep
- The Good Samaritan
- The Sower
- The Talents

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In The Prodigal Son..

Jesus teaches us that God (the father) will forgive us for making mistakes if we say sorry. This parable also teaches us that we should forgive others when they have made bad choices.

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In The Lost Sheep…

We learn that if are lost because we have made bad choices we should say sorry and God will help us. Everyone makes mistakes and it is better to say sorry for our sins than to act like we have never done anything wrong. God cares for us so much that he will look far and wide to bring us back to him.

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In The Sower:

Jesus teaches us that to grow in our faith we must have the right 'soil' meaning we give our faith a good foundation by listening to God's word, praying and going to church. If we don't make time to listen to God, it will by like trying to plant seeds on a path and our faith won't grow.

**Lesson 2**

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In The Talents…

Jesus teaches us that God has given us talents that we shouldn't take for granted. We should use our talents well and for good. The man who buried what he had been given, was not using his talents, just ignoring them.

**Lesson 2**

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You need to write each parable as a title in your book. Underneath each one write, in your own words, what you think the message from Jesus is in the Parable.

**The Prodigal Son**

**The Lost Sheep**

**The Sower**

**The Talents**

If you have finished, you could draw a picture to go with each parable.