

Is it Broken?



Challenge

Get a piece of paper
Tear it into pieces
Put the piece of paper back together again



No matter how hard you try, it is not possible to fully fix the piece of paper. Once it's torn paper can't be fixed, it won't look the same again. In the Bible Jesus tells a story about a man who broke something that he thought could never be fixed again, his relationship with his dad.

The story begins with the son asking his dad if he could have his inheritance, the money he would get when his dad died. He was basically saying to his dad I wish you were dead. The dad was very upset by this but agreed to give his son the money. The son went away and spent everything and ended up with nothing. He was so desperate for more money that he got a job feeding pigs which at the time was considered to be one of the worst jobs there was.

He was so hungry that he even thought about eating the pig food!

As he was thinking this he remembered life at home and how his dad's servants all had plenty to eat. He decided he would go home, he thought to himself, "I know dad won't forgive me for leaving and wasting all the money but maybe he will let me work as a servant." So he set off on his journey towards home.

Craft

Ball Maze – Get your ball to journey through the maze.

You will need: A marble (Ideally but a small ball will work), a cereal packet, extra card (another cereal packet), sticky tape, scissors

Step 1- Cut off the front of the of the cereal box. If you like you could decorate the inside of the box.



Step 2- Cut up the discarded bit of cereal box to make barriers. They need to be wider than the box so a tab at each end can be made and taller than your marble/ball. You can use extra card if you want to make more barriers



Step 3- Fold a tab at each side of the barriers so that they fit neatly into the box.



Step 4- Cut a hole in each barrier big enough for your marble/ball to fit through.



Step 5- Use the sticky tape to attach the barriers to the box.



Step 6- Place the ball at one end and see if you can get it to the other side. Enjoy.



You could make your maze trickier by adding extra obstacles, such as ramps or holes that you need to avoid. Send a picture to your school of your maze.

What the son didn't know was that each day his dad had been waiting for him to return. He used to go and look in the distance to see if he could see his son return, until one day he saw him coming and he ran to him and gave him a huge hug. The son apologised to his dad and asked if he could be one of his servants. But the dad told him you are my son, I forgive you. He then organised a huge celebration because his son was home and they were friends again.

Draw a picture of the dad running to meet his son:

Christians believe that Jesus told this story to help us understand just how much God loves us and wants us to be his friend. In the story the son really messed up but when he came back and said sorry he was forgiven by his dad and their friendship was restored. The Bible says we are like the son, we get things wrong in our lives, we are unkind to people, we tell lies. All these things break our relationship with God but if we come to him and say sorry he will forgive us and we can be friends with him. Christians believe this is the best thing that we can do.

This story can be found in Luke 15:11-32 and read here,

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+15%3A11-32&version=NIV>

