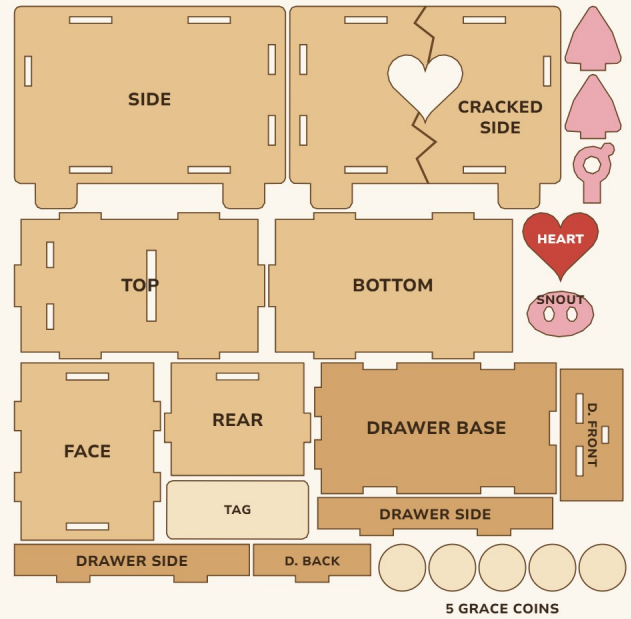
SUNDAY SCHOOL CRAFT · LUKE 15

The Prodigal Pig: Assembly

One kit per 12 × 12 in sheet of 1/8 in basswood
Ages 7–12 · about 20 minutes to build



Pig body (kids) · Drawer (teachers)
Ears, tail, snout · Surprise stash

Before class (teachers)

1. Test the fit. Cut the fit-test coupon first. If the tab is snug in the 3.27 slot, cut the kits: blue engrave lines first, then red cuts.

2. Clean up. Wipe burnt edges with a damp cloth. Tape each cracked side's two halves together on the back.

3. Build the drawers. Glue the base's two tabs into the drawer front, then stand the sides and back in the base's slots. Glue the tail into the short slot.

4. Load them. Wrap the 5 grace coins and the tag in paper so they stay hidden, and set them in the drawer.

5. Bag each kit. 2 sides, face, rear, top, bottom, 2 ears, snout. Keep the hearts and drawers at your table.

Supplies: fine-tip markers or paint pens, wood glue or glue dots, paper towels, and 1 coin and 1 seal sticker per child.

Build it (kids)

1. **Decorate first.** Color every piece while it's flat: a face on the face, anything you like on the sides, top and rear. Keep color off the tabs so they still fit.
2. **Ears and snout.** Push each ear's tab into the two small slots at one end of the top. That end is the front. Glue the snout onto the face.
3. **Make the ring.** Push the top's front tab into the face's upper slot and the bottom's tab into the face's lower slot. Slide the rear onto the top's back tab.
4. **First side.** Lay the plain side decorated side down on a paper towel. Lower the ring onto it so every tab drops into a slot. The face goes at the end with two slots.
5. **Close it up.** Peel off the tape and press the cracked side on top, decorated side up, legs over legs. Stand the pig up. It holds, but it has a crack and an empty heart. **Stop here for the story.**
6. **The heart** (during the story). Run a thin line of glue around the heart's edge and press it into the hole until it sits flush.
7. **The drawer** (teacher). Slide the loaded drawer in from the back with the tail out. Stick a seal across the drawer and the rear: "Open when you come home."
8. **Your coin.** Drop your coin in the slot on top. It lands in the drawer, right next to the surprise.

Too tight? Sand the tab lightly. Don't force it, because thin wood can split at a slot.

Too loose? A dot of glue in the slot holds it. The tabs should end flush with the outside.

Coins out? Break the seal and pull the tail. The drawer is the pig's only door.