Maps

God....is near!

On the map of your town or city, locate your street. Think about all the people who live close to you and in the neighborhoods around you.

Now imagine that you're on a vacation. With your finger, follow along all the roads that lead you away from your home here. Then trace your finger back.

Think about all the people whose homes you would pass as you traced those roads.

What do you think it's like on those roads right now?

Have you ever traveled too far from home and, like others along the way, you've been lost?

Read Luke 15:11-24.

What was it like to come home again?

Sometimes we feel very far away from God.

But God is always near.

Put your finger back on the map....where you live now....your home.

Imagine God saying to you, "Welcome home!"

Say to yourself, "I'm home!"

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