



## LESSON 8: THE PRODIGAL SON

### CRAFT: NAPKIN RINGS

#### SUPPLIES

- cardboard tubes (each child will need at least a 4-inch piece)
- scissors\*
- aluminum foil
- glue sticks
- permanent markers (fine-tipped and in a variety of colors is ideal)
- stickers



#### Tip

- This craft works best with cardboard tubes, such as paper towel tubes. If you don't have enough of those, you can also use chenille wires as the base, wrapping them with foil also. However, the napkin ring will look messier and won't hold its shape as well.

#### Make Sets of Napkin Rings

When people have *really* fancy dinners, sometimes they use napkin rings. That way you can roll up a cloth napkin and use the ring to hold it rolled up! When the son in our Bible story came back home, his dad threw him a fancy dinner. We're going to make silver napkin rings so we can have fancy dinners with our families to remind us that we are deeply loved.

Follow the following directions to make napkin rings. Start by decorating a large square of foil; then glue and wrap it around the cardboard. Monitor younger children well with the permanent markers, or have them just use stickers to decorate.

- Cut about 1 inch off the end of a cardboard tube. (This has already been done for preschoolers.)
- Cut through the ring to make a C shape.



- Tear a piece of aluminum foil that fits around your cardboard ring. Wrap it around and glue it in place.
- Use the markers to write “deeply loved” and add any other decoration you want on your foil. (If you need to flatten the ring a little bit to decorate it, that’s fine. Just curl it back up when you’re done.)
- Make three more napkin rings so you have a set of four.
- If you have more than four people in your family, check if there are enough supplies to make more napkin rings.

### **Talk About It**

What are some reasons your family might have a fancy or special dinner? What do those dinners show that your family loves?

We are deeply loved, and God celebrates us! Just as the father celebrated his son with a fancy meal, you can use these napkin rings to make *every* meal a fancy meal...and a reminder of how much God loves you!