

Dramatization of the Parable of the Prodigal Son

(Luke 15:11-32)

While a parent or teacher reads (or retells) the story from Luke 15:11-32, others can dramatize what is happening in the story.

Preparation

1. Talk about how the younger son would look as he set off on his adventure. He would look confident and happy, wouldn't he?
2. How would he look during the famine? Hungry, weary, and sad.
3. How will he look as he goes home to his father? He realizes that he has done what is wrong, and he is sorry. As he says, "Father, I have sinned against heaven in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son." The son may want to kneel before his father or at least bow his head in humility.
4. How will the father look as his younger son sets off? When he is reunited with the "prodigal" son? How will he look when he is pleading with his elder son, who is jealous of the attention his brother receives upon his return?

Optional Props

- Items of clothing the father gives his youngest son upon his return: sandals, a ring, and a bathrobe for the "best robe."
- Draw the outline of a swine on a piece of paper.
- Musical instruments (or make a simple tambourine) to use during the feast at which there was music and dancing.
- Food to serve as part of the dramatization.