



J is for Jesus Special stories

Jesus told lots of stories to his followers to help spread his message of love, kindness and forgiveness. One of them was the story of *The Prodigal Son and His Brother* (Luke 15:11-32).

What do you think is the message of this story? What did Jesus want people to learn from the story? Read the story below or listen to it here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_HhSv_2LYI&feature=youtu.be

The Prodigal Son and His Brother

Once there was a farmer with two sons. One day, the younger son asked his father if he could have his share of the family's money. His father was kind and granted him his wish and so the son went off to build a new life for himself in a faraway land. There, he bought lots of fancy things and lived a selfish life of luxury. Meanwhile, the oldest son worked hard day after day and helped his father on the farm.

After some time, the youngest son's money ran out and he had no choice but to return home and ask his father for help.

As the youngest son made his way to back home, his father could see his youngest son in the distance. The father's heart was filled with love. He was so happy to see his son; he ran to his son and tightly wrapped his arms around him.

The father was so delighted that he decided they would have a feast to celebrate. When the oldest son came back to the house from working in the fields, he was confused — why were people playing music and merrily dancing? When he found out that his father was celebrating his younger brother's return, he was furious! The oldest son had always worked hard and helped his father yet he had never received any reward. His brother, on the other hand, who had been foolish, was being celebrated and welcomed back with open arms!



The father told his oldest son, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found' (Luke 15:31-32).

Can you retell this story or another special story to your friends or family? Perhaps you could perform it as a sock puppet show, draw a picture, create a comic strip or act it out.

Prodigal son comic strip template

	<p>Whilst the younger brother was off having fun with his money, the oldest brother stayed at home helping his father on the farm.</p>		<p>The father explained to the oldest son, that they should all be happy that the youngest son had found his way back.</p>
	<p>The father said yes and the youngest son went off to faraway land and spent his money on lovely things.</p>		<p>The oldest son was furious that his father was celebrating his brother's return, when his father had never rewarded him for all his hard work.</p>
	<p>One day, the youngest son asked his father for his share of the family's money.</p>		<p>When the father saw his youngest son coming home, he was filled with love and happiness. The father was so happy, they had feast to celebrate.</p>
<p>There was once a farmer with two sons.</p>			<p>Sometime later, the youngest brother's money ran out and he had no choice but come home.</p>

Comic Strip Template – retell the story of the prodigal son or use your own story



“Storytime is my favourite time” said Livingstone the lion, “I love to curl up with a good book! What’s your favourite story?”

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