



THE PRODIGAL SON:
THE OLDER BROTHER

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GRADE SCHOOL RESOURCES



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VIDEO STORY AND SONGS:

- CROSSROADS KIDS (<5 MINUTES) ON VIMEO:
[HTTPS://VIMEO.COM/KIDSCLUB/GODSSTORYPRODIGALSON](https://vimeo.com/kidsclub/godsstoryprodigalson)
- THE BEGINNER BIBLE (~25 MINUTES) ON YOUTUBE: [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/W-FH620_9sI](https://youtu.be/W-FH620_9sI)

QUESTIONS AND CONVERSATION STARTERS:

- WHAT ACTIONS DID THE YOUNGER SON DO THAT WERE UNLOVING?
 - (HE TOOK HIS INHERITANCE AND LEFT THE FAMILY, ONLY WANTING THEIR MONEY. HE SPENT ALL THE MONEY ON SELFISH THINGS. ETC.)
- WHAT ATTITUDES DID THE OLDER SON HAVE THAT WERE UNLOVING?
 - (HE WAS JEALOUS OF HIS BROTHER. HE SEEMED TO ONLY FOLLOW THE RULES FOR WHAT HE MIGHT GET FROM HIS FATHER, NOT OUT OF LOVE FOR HIM. HE WAS BITTER TOWARD HIS BROTHER AND WOULD NOT CELEBRATE HIS RETURN.)
- TRUE OR FALSE. SIN CAN BE EITHER ACTIONS OR ATTITUDES.
 - (TRUE)
- WHAT ARE SOME SINFUL ACTIONS THAT YOU CAN ASK GOD TO HELP YOU OVERCOME?
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- HOW SHOULD WE FEEL TOWARD PEOPLE WHO DO WRONG THINGS?
 - (SADNESS, HOPE THAT THEY WILL TURN BACK TO GOD, ETC.)
- HOW SHOULD WE FEEL TOWARD PEOPLE WHO TURN TO GOD?
 - (JOY- JUST LIKE THE FATHER IN THE STORY)

ACTIVITY:

- EVERYONE NEEDS GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

- SET UP:

- ON A PIECE OF PAPER, DRAW A VERTICAL LINE MAKING TWO COLUMNS.
- LABEL ONE COLUMN "RULE BREAKER" AND THE OTHER "RULE FOLLOWER"
- BRAINSTORM ACTIONS THAT A "RULE BREAKER" MAY DO.
 - EXAMPLES: THROW TANTRUMS, STEAL, CALL PEOPLE MEAN NAMES, NOT DO HOMEWORK, ETC.
- BRAINSTORM THE OPPOSITE THINGS THAT THE "RULE FOLLOWER" MAY DO.
 - EXAMPLES: HAVE GOOD MANNERS, SHARE, ETC.
- EXTRA ACTIVITY: HAVE KIDS ACT OUT THESE ACTIONS.

- THINKING TIME:

- "WITH WHICH OF THESE PEOPLE WOULD YOU WANT TO BE FRIENDS?"
- "WHICH OF THESE PEOPLE DOES GOD LOVE MORE?" (NEITHER! GOD LOVES THEM THE SAME.)
- "JESUS OFTEN WARNED PEOPLE THAT JUST BECAUSE THEY FOLLOW RULES, THEY MAY HAVE ATTITUDES IN THEIR HEARTS THAT ARE JUST AS SINFUL AS ANYTHING THEY MAY DO."

- FINISH THE CHART:

- ADD, NEXT TO THE "RULE FOLLOWER'S" ACTIONS, ANY ATTITUDES THEY MAY HAVE THAT WOULD BE SINFUL.
 - EXAMPLES: HATE PEOPLE OR THINK BADLY OF THEM, THINK THEY ARE BETTER THAN OTHERS, ETC.

- MAIN POINT:

- GOD LOVES EVERYONE AND EVERYONE NEEDS GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS.

