



The Prodigal Son: The Older Brother

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Preschool Resources



Video Story and Songs:

- Crossroads Kids (<5 minutes) on Vimeo:
<https://vimeo.com/kidsclub/godsstoryprodigalson>
- The Beginner Bible (~25 minutes) on Youtube:
https://youtu.be/w-FH620_9sI

Questions and Conversation Starters:

- when the younger brother returned home, his father was so happy that he threw a big party. How did his older brother feel?
 - (Angry/jealous)
- Tell me if the following things are true or false/lies:
 - People who break God's rules need God's love and forgiveness. (True)
 - People who follow God's rules, but have angry hearts need God's love and forgiveness. (True)
 - Some people are too bad for God to love. (False! God loves everyone no matter what they do or how they feel!)
 - Everyone needs God's love and forgiveness! (True)
- Sometimes we act like the older son and we think that we don't need to be forgiven by God because we do good things. Jesus told this story to show that everyone needs God's love and forgiveness. Jesus wanted us to know that God loves everyone! How does that make you feel?

Activities:

- Song
 - "Jesus Loves Me!"
 - <https://youtu.be/KM72TxqD2B4>
- Act it out!!

- Read the section of the parable describing the older son and have the kids make faces to describe how he was feeling or thinking. They can act out the passage too.
- Luke 15:25-32 (NLT):
 - Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, and he asked one of the servants what was going on.
[CONFUSED FACE]
 - 'Your brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.' The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in.
[ANGRY OR POUTY FACE]
 - His father came out and begged him, but he replied, 'All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!' [ANGRY FACE]
 - His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!'