

WEEK 6: THE WORKS OF JESUS

This part of the parable may be especially helpful if you are telling the story to religious people

SCENE 3 ALTERNATE ENDING

The Older Brother Story

Replace the last paragraph of Scene 3 ~ The Lost Son with these two.

"But the father wasn't listening. He was calling to the servants, 'Quick. Bring the best robe and dress him. Put the family ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Then get a grain-fed heifer and roast it. We're going to feast! We're going to have a wonderful time! My son is here! And they began to have a wonderful time.

"When the older son came in from the fields and found out the music and dancing was for his brother, he became angry and refused to go in. The father came outside to him, and he said, 'I've never disobeyed you and have been slaving for you for years, but you never let me have even a small party with my friends. Then this son of yours, who's squandered your wealth on prostitutes, shows up and you throw him this huge party!?' And the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me and everything I have is yours. But now, it is right to celebrate—your brother is here—it is like he was dead and now he's alive! He was lost but now he is found!'..."

The Older Brother Dialogue Questions

Add these two questions before the "how would you explain the gospel?" question.

1. What do you notice about the relationship between the father and the older brother?
2. How are the brothers similar?
 - Both brothers are "lost." Both are rebelling in different ways.
 - Both brothers want the father's things rather than the father.