

Little Brother
The Story of the Prodigal Son
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Cast:

Big Brother
Little Brother
Servants (variable number, two have lines)
Dad
Trouble Maker
Farmer
Pigs (variable number)
Friends and Neighbors (variable number)

Props:

tools (plastic garden tools work well)
money bag
bucket
robe, sandals, ring for Little Brother's party
brightly colored party blowers

Costumes:

Simple Bible costumes. Look online for free printable pig masks. A straw hat is a nice addition for the farmer.

Scene 1

(Big Brother and Little Brother are standing and talking, holding their tools, while the servants work behind them in the fields.)

LITTLE BROTHER: This sure is a nice farm. It's no fair that you're going to get more of it than I am when Dad dies, but still, I sure am going to be rich then! All this land! All these servants! All the money!

BIG BROTHER: Why are you talking about Dad dying? That's a long way off.

LITTLE BROTHER: I wish he would go on and give me my inheritance now.

BIG BROTHER: Why?

LITTLE BROTHER: I'm tired of living here. I want to go out and see the world! I'm going to see if I can convince him to go on and give me my money now.

BIG BROTHER: That might hurt his feelings. It's kind of like saying, "Dad, I wish you were dead."

LITTLE BROTHER: Nah. He won't care. He's always given me everything I ever wanted. Watch.

(Dad enters.)

LITTLE BROTHER: Hey, Dad! I sure could use some extra cash. Go on and give me my share of the inheritance, will you?

DAD: Well, I suppose I could do that, if you really want it. I'll divide everything between the two of you.

LITTLE BROTHER: Yes! Thanks, Dad! *(to Big Brother)* See! I told ya!

(Little Brother runs off.)

BIG BROTHER: Didn't he hurt your feelings, Dad?

DAD: Yes. Sometimes we have to learn lessons the hard way. He'll learn that money isn't going to make him happy.

(Dad exits and Big Brother gets back to work beside the servants. Little Brother soon enters again, holding a money bag.)

LITTLE BROTHER: Well, Big Brother, I guess this is goodbye.

BIG BROTHER: Where are you going?

LITTLE BROTHER: I've got my money and I'm off to see the world! Have a nice life!

(Little Brother exits. Big Brother and servants exit.)

Scene 2

(Little Brother enters with Trouble Maker.)

LITTLE BROTHER: Sure! I'll buy you dinner! I have more money than I could ever possibly use!

TROUBLE MAKER: Sounds good to me! And after dinner, I know where we can go for a real good party!

LITTLE BROTHER: Sounds great! Maybe I should buy some new clothes first.

TROUBLE MAKER: Probably so. And while you're at it, you can buy me some new clothes, too!

LITTLE BROTHER: I can afford that, no problem!

TROUBLE MAKER: And if you ever do run out of money, I can teach you a thing or two about stealing! But let's go have dinner first!

(Little Brother exits with Trouble Maker.)

Scene 3

(Pigs gather and sing to the tune of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm.")

PIGS: Mr. Farmer, feed us now, e-i-e-i-o!
We're oh-so-hungry, come right now, e-i-e-i-o!
With an oink-oink, here, and an oink-oink there,
Here an oink, there an oink, everywhere an oink-oink!
Mr. Farmer, feed us now, e-i-e-i-o!

(Little Brother enters.)

LITTLE BROTHER: I can't believe I spent all that money. Every last cent! I don't have a thing! No money, no home, nothing! I'm so hungry.

PIGS: We're hungry, too!

(Farmer enters carrying a bucket.)

FARMER: Hold your horses! I'm coming! I can't feed you and the cows and the chickens all at the same time!

LITTLE BROTHER: Need a hand?

FARMER: I sure do! You looking for a job?

LITTLE BROTHER: Yes, sir!

FARMER: Here. Feed the pigs.

(Farmer hands Little Brother a bucket and Little Brother feeds the pigs.)

PIGS: Mmmmmm! This is good!

LITTLE BROTHER: Could I have some, too?

FARMER: You want to eat pig food!?

LITTLE BROTHER: Just one little bite. Please?

FARMER: You keep your hands off their food, you hear? If I catch you stealing pig food from me, I'll have you arrested!

(Pigs snort and laugh. Farmer exits.)

LITTLE BROTHER: This is crazy! How many of Dad's hired hands have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I'm going home. I'm going to tell Dad how wrong I have been. I'll tell him I'm not worthy to be his son anymore. Maybe he'll hire me to work in his fields, and then at least I'll have something to eat!

(Little Brother sets down the bucket and exits. Pigs sing loudly after him.)

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We're oh-so-hungry, come right now, e-i-e-i-o!
With an oink-oink, here, and an oink-oink there,
Here an oink, there an oink, everywhere an oink-oink!
Little Brother, feed us now, e-i-e-i-o!

(Pigs exit.)

Scene 4

(Dad enters and looks off into the distance. Servants are behind him working in the fields. Lights up.)

DAD: I wonder what ever happened to Little Brother. I sure do miss him. If only he knew how much I loved him, and how much I would love to see him come home.

(Little Brother enters.)

DAD: I wonder who that could be. *(squints into the distance)* It almost looks like . . . no, it couldn't be. Could it? Wait! It is him! It's Little Brother!

(Dad runs to meet Little Brother and hugs him.)

LITTLE BROTHER: Dad, I have been doing really bad things. I don't deserve to be called your son anymore.

DAD: You're home! *(to the servants)* Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! Make some yummy food! Let's have a party!

(Servants hurry to bring a robe, sandals, and a ring and put them on Little Brother.)

SERVANT 1: Come on, everyone! It's a party!

(Servants, friends, and neighbors come celebrate with Dad and Little Brother. Everyone blows party blowers. Big Brother enters and calls out to one of the servants who goes over to him.)

BIG BROTHER: What's going on?

SERVANT 2: Your brother has come home! And you're dad is throwing a party to welcome him back. Come on in!

BIG BROTHER (*disgusted*): I'm not going to a party for Little Brother! No way!

(*Servant goes back to the party. Dad notices Big Brother looking mad and standing off by himself and goes to him.*)

DAD: Come to the party!

(*Everyone at the party freezes.*)

BIG BROTHER: All these years I've been working hard for you, always doing what you asked me to do, but you've never let me have even a little party with my friends! And now this son of yours who has lived like a wild man and wasted your money comes home, and you throw him a great big party! It's not fair!

DAD: You are wonderful son. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because for all we knew Little Brother could have been dead, but he's alive! He was lost, and now he is found!

(*Big Brother is still mad and exits.*)

DAD: (*looking up to pray*) Father in Heaven, please open his eyes so that he will see what I mean. I know that if anyone ever wanders away from you and then decides to start doing right again and comes back to you, you're ready to wrap your arms around them and welcome them home, just like I welcomed my son home today. I guess I'd better get back in to the party.

(*Everyone at the party unfreezes and begins to celebrate again.*)

The End

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