

Prodigal Son

Puppet Show

Lazy Child Comes Home

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Puppeteer and Puppets:

	<b><u>Scene 1&amp;4</u></b>	<b><u>Scene 2</u></b>	<b><u>Scene 3</u></b>
P1	Father	Friend 1	Pig 1 and 2
P2	Elder son	Friend 2	Pig farmer
P3	Prodigal Child	Prodigal Child	Prodigal Child

*Scene 1: Father and children at home*

P1 – Father: Today we need to plant the garden. Tomorrow we'll help plant the fields.

P2 – Elder son: OK dad, what would you like me to plant?

P3 – Prodigal: Isn't that what hired hands are for? You pay them good money to do that kind of thing. I plan on going out with my friends.

P2 – Elder son: Party, Party, Party! That's all you want to do! When are you going to do your fair share of work around here?

Sign: "Another day, another time"

P1 – Father: The garden and fields are planted! Let's celebrate! All the hired hands are invited to come feast with us and we'll give them each an extra special basket of food and goodies. I'll need your help!

P3 - Prodigal: You are so generous dad! A feast sounds like fun!

P2 – Elder son: We all have earned a fun time! Well, most of us have... (looks at prodigal child and shakes head)

Sign: "Another day, another time"

P-3 Prodigal: Father, may I have my share of the estate? You know I don't like farming, I want to go to the city and find something else to do.

P1 – Father: It may take time to sell your share of the property, but yes, I can see that you are not happy here. I'll give you the money, when the property sells.

P-3 Prodigal: Thank you Father!

Sign: “Another day, another time”

P-3 Prodigal: Wahoo! My bags are packed. I have my inheritance. I’m heading to the city! Wahoo! Freedom here I come!

P-1 Father: You are always welcome to come home. I love you. Be careful and wise. Remember, I love you! I’m here for you. Good-bye! See you later. (hugs Prodigal)

Sign: “Another day, another time”

## Scene 2: In the city

P-3 Prodigal: Aaah – the City! There is so much to see and do! Where shall I start?

P-1 Friend 1: Hey pal! You look like you’re new here.

P-2 Friend 2: Yeah, where have you come from? The funny farm? You need some new clothes!

P-3 Prodigal: That’s a great idea! Where can I find some new clothes?

P-1 Friend 1: Do you have money?

P-3 Prodigal: I have LOTS of money! Show me the best!

P-2 Friend 2: Follow us! We can get this squad some new outfits!

P-3 Prodigal: Exactly! I’m starving too. Let’s grab us a bite to eat too!

P-1 Friend 1: You got it! We’re going to be best friends forever!

Sign: “Another day, another time”

P-2 Friend 2: What shall we do today?

P-3 Prodigal: Yesterday was pretty intense. Let’s party and have some fun!

P-1 Friend 1: I like your attitude! I’m calling my boss and calling in sick. Maybe I’ll just quit. With you around, who needs to work! Let’s party!

Sign: “Another day, another time”

P-2 Friend 2: I heard there’s going to be quite the race just up north. Let’s go see it! The beer and parties are really wild!

P-3 Prodigal: For sure, let's go! I'm paying for everything!

Sign: "Another day, another time"

*(friends talking together and then Prodigal comes up and over)*

P-1 Friend 1: I've never had such a great year -- games and fun everyday and parties every night. This has been wild!

P-2 Friend 2: Right! We scored big on this one! Here comes the Party Pal now!

P-3 Prodigal: What up guys?

P-1 Friend 1: We need to celebrate a new year! I was thinking, we should get us some of those real fancy duds and go up to the race again like we started out last year. Party! Party! Party!

P-3 Prodigal: Let's do it!

P-3 Prodigal: But guys, I need you to pitch in a little dough. My cash is running low.

P-2 Friend 2: What?! I don't have any cash. I haven't worked all year.

P-1 Friend 1: Me either. If you can't pay, it's a no go.

P-3 Prodigal: Well I can't pay for all that.

P-1 Friend 1: Well, if that's the case, I guess we'll see you around. Good-bye.

P-2 Friend 2: Yep hope you can find some cash or this squad is done.

Sign: "Another day, another time"

P-3 Prodigal: My last penny is gone for a piece of bread. I've looked the town over and there is not a single job I want to do! What am I going to do? Where am I going to go?

Sign: "Another day, another time"

### *Scene 3: On a pig farm*

P-1 Pig Farmer: What do you want?

P-3 Prodigal: Sir, I would like a job. I used to live on a farm. May I have a job?

P-1 Pig Farmer: Sure. You can stay in the barn. Start by clearing the stalls then pull the weeds in the garden.

Sign: "Another day, another time"

P-1 Pig Farmer: What have you done?

P-3 Prodigal: Nothin'

P-1 Pig Farmer: That's right! You are a no-good, lazy bum! Go feed the pigs!

P-2 pigs: Oink! Oink! Oink!

P-3 Prodigal: Yuk! Here's your slop!

P-3 Prodigal: Yuk! Don't get mud on my clothes! I paid good money for these!

Sign: "Another day, another time"

P-2 pigs: Oink! Oink! Oink!

P-3 Prodigal: I haven't eat for days! I'm so hungry I could eat the slop! Yuk! This farmer is so stingy! My dad....

P-2 pigs: Oink! Oink! Oink!

P-3 Prodigal: Wait a minute, I've lost my mind! My dad always makes sure his hired hands have plenty of money and food! I should go work for my dad!

(Prodigal goes down (looking for farmer). The farmer and prodigal come up)

P-3 Prodigal: I'm quitting my job! Give me my pay.

P-1 Pig Farmer: You don't get any pay. You're a no good, lazy bum. You're going to die.

P-2 pigs: Oink! Oink! Oink!

P-3 Prodigal: I'm leaving!

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(Prodigal walking across 'stage')

P-3 Prodigal: I'll tell dad, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your child; make me like one of your hired servants."

P-3 Prodigal: Whew it's so hot! I'm so thirsty and hungry! I hope dad will hire me. He probably doesn't want me either. I'm too lazy. But I have no other choice. Hopefully he lets me have a little bread and water.

Sign: "Another day, another time"

Scene 4: (Father is looking and looking. Prodigal comes up.)

P-1 Father: My child is coming home! (*starts running to Prodigal*)

P-1 Father: My child!

P-3 Prodigal: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your child!

P-1 Father: Nonsense! (*hugs Prodigal*) You are my child and always will be! Let's put this new clean robe on you. Your feet are thrashed and shoes are trash. Here are some new sandals. Come home!

P-1 Father: Everyone look! This child of mine was dead and now is alive again; was lost and is found! Bring the fattened calf and best produce. Let's feast and celebrate!

P-1 Father: My child, show me your hand. Here is the family signet ring. I want you to always remember you are my child. I put my seal on you. I love you!

P-2 Elder Son: What is going on?

P-1 Father: We are celebrating! Look who has come home!

P-2 Elder Son: Are you crazy? All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this lazy no good child of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf!

P-1 Father: "My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

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P-3 Prodigal: Father, you are generous and merciful. I want to work for you.

P-1 Father: You can never earn my love. All I have is a free gift to you.

P-3 Prodigal: May I do something for you?

P-1 Father: Yes of course! I have plenty of ways that you can help around here!