

LC: Can I understand codes for living that Christians follow?



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Watch and think

- Today we are going to look at a parable (story with a message) that Jesus taught.
- After it, we will think about some questions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfDfMZ6MTJs>



Has there ever been a time when you have felt like a character in this story? (Questions for thinking and discussing not for writing)

- Have you ever felt like the Father did when someone you like let you down badly?
- Have you ever done something really bad and felt guilty, like the younger brother did in the middle of the story.
- Have you ever felt resentful (cross) like the older brother at the end of the story. You followed the rules but other people didn't! You were looking forward to them being punished.



Christian beliefs

- Christians believe that just like the prodigal son did, everyone has broken God's laws and done what they want instead. However, they also believe that they should turn back to God and know that they can be forgiven and changed – just like the younger son was.
- The older son in the story was cross that his younger brother was forgiven. Christians believe that Jesus taught people not to be like this. Instead of being annoyed, we should be happy when people change their lives for the better.

Your work

- Imagine a conversation between the older Son and the Father when the younger son has returned home.
- What would the older brother (who had been working all the time) think. How would the Father respond?
- *You could find someone else in your house to act this out with or you could write it as a playscript in your books.*
- *Father:*
- *Older Son:*

Challenge Questions

- When is it hard to forgive people?
- Christians pray that God would forgive their sins (wrong actions/thoughts) and that they would be able to forgive other people who have done wrong things to them. How would a humanist agree or disagree with this? (look at the lesson on humanists for clues)