**THE PRODIGAL SON STORY BAG**

**Luke 15:11–32**

*A story bag is a bag containing a book, or scripture reading, plus items associated with the story, which might include characters in the form of soft toys or puppets. These items are used to help bring the story to life by bringing them out of the bag as you are telling the story. In this story, this is also a great opportunity to explain some of the story and symbolism as well.*

SUGGESTED USE:

* Place all props into a purple box/bag (I use wither a purple pillow case or a purple gift bag). The props I use are: a small chiffon bag of money, some pig soft toys, a purple robe (or just some long purple cloth), some sandals made by laminating foot outlines and then adding ribbon for laces and a ring (I got a blingy, cheap one from Red Dot or else if I lose that, I just use one of my own.
* Show the bag as you start telling the story.
* As you get to the part where the younger son askes for his inheritance, take out the bag of money and jiggle it.
* As you get to the part where he has to work with the pigs, take out the pigs.
* As you get to the parts where he is given the robe, the sandals and the ring, take them out.

I love using the robe, sandal and ring as you then have a costume to use for one of the students to do a Hot Seat Interview and pretend to be the Prodigal Son and the rest of the class can ask him questions – How did you feel when you were hungry and working with the pigs? Why do you think your brother was mad at you? Etc…

Other Prodigal Son story bag iodeas:

* <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com.au/2012/02/stories-at-home-bags-prodigal-son.html>

Lost Sheep story bag ideas:

* <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com.au/2012/02/stories-at-home-bags-lost-sheep.html>